

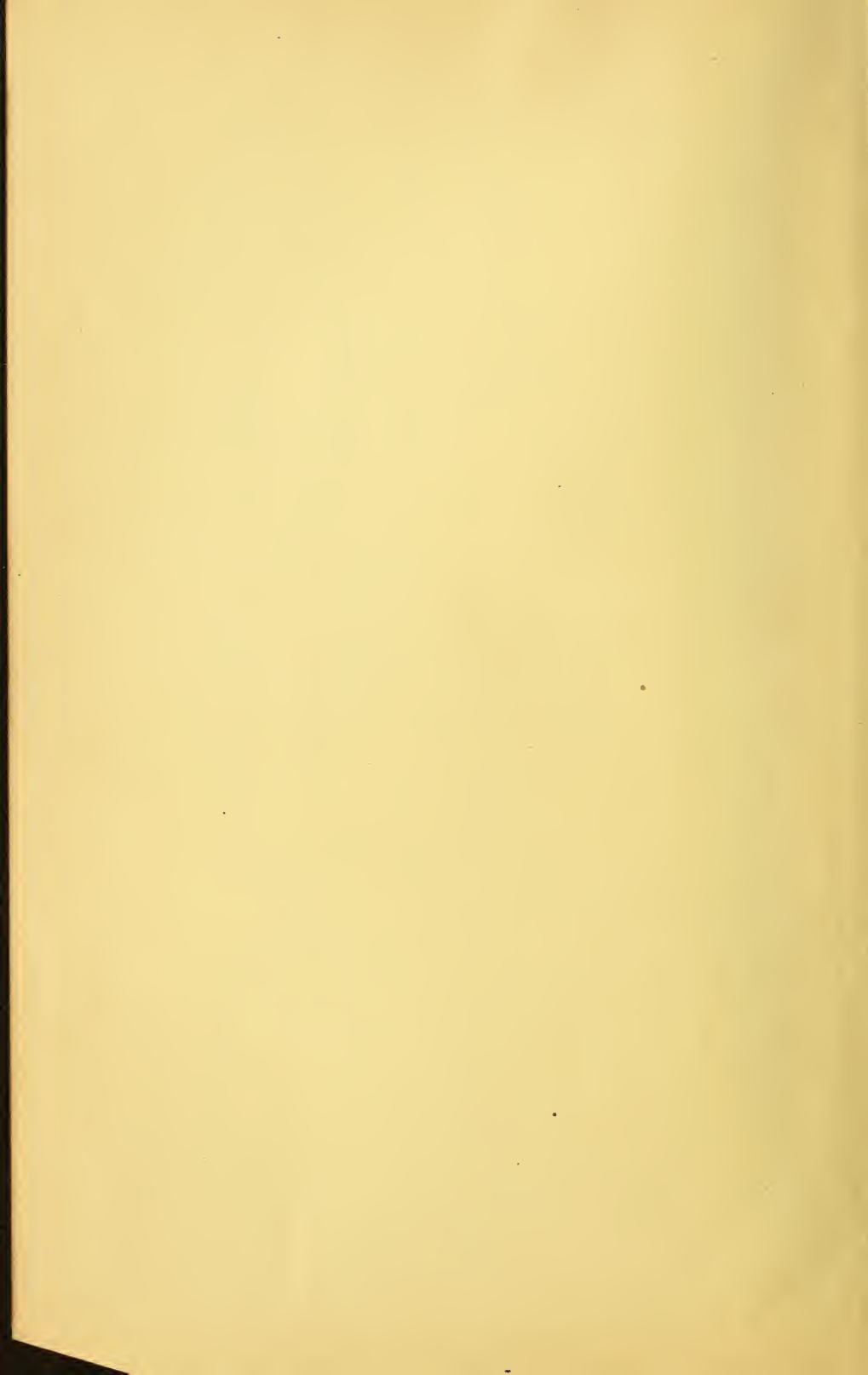
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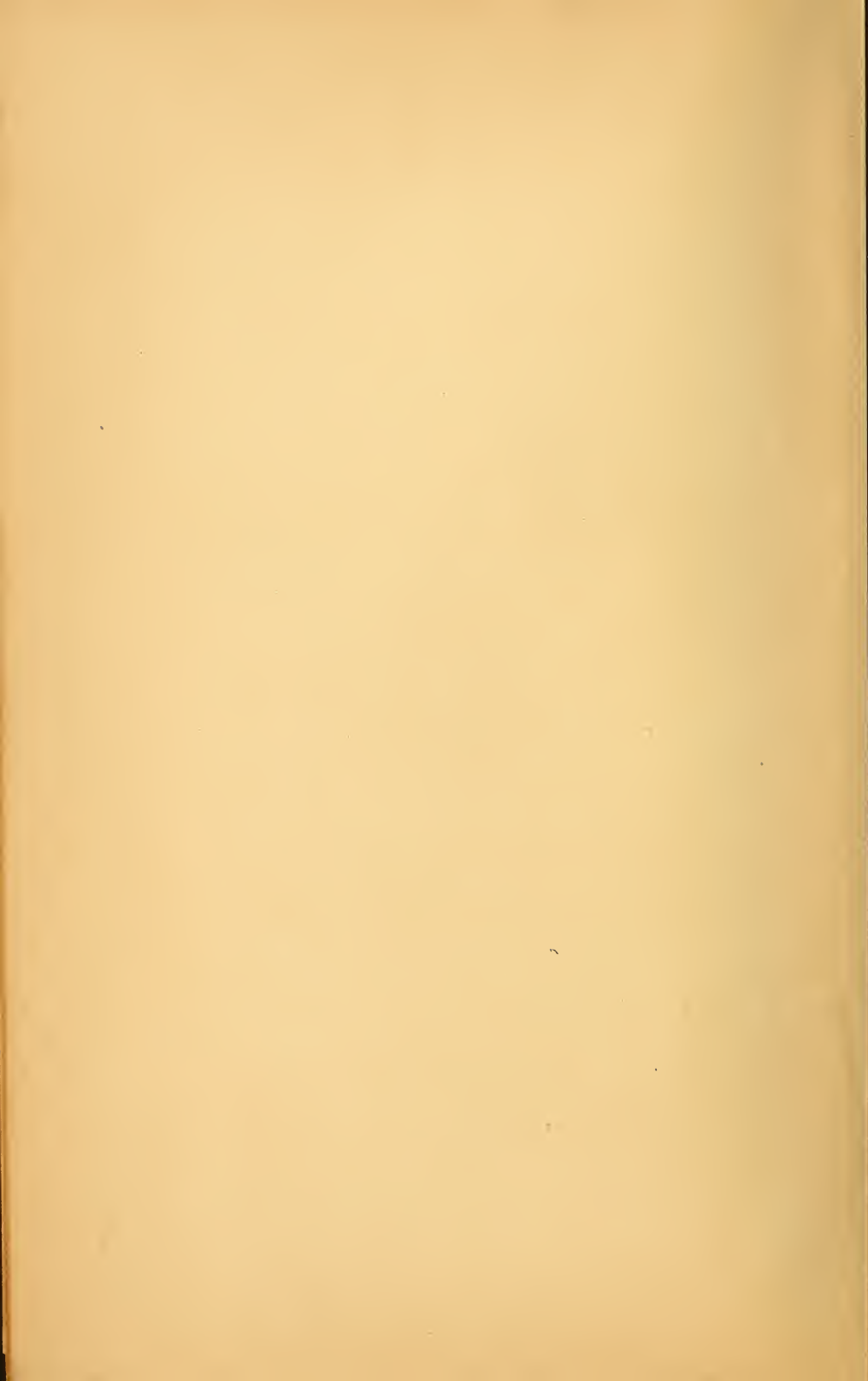
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PREFACE.

MORE than half a century has passed away since Odd Fellowship was planted upon American soil. The seed sown in Baltimore, in 1819, has sprung up and brought forth fruit so abundant that its growth seems almost a miracle, and not caused by the handiwork of human beings. But what has become of the sowers? Of those who watched the grain and prevented the sowing of tares? And what were the methods and means used to keep out the enemy and obtain such full, ripe and clean fruit?

The Grand Lodge of the United States, recognizing the fact that time with its ever destroying sickle was bringing to the earth the founders, and protectors of Odd Fellowship, a few years ago began an almost endless work, the writing of the annals of our noble Order.

From the manifest interest by that body in this subject, there arose in this State a similar feeling, that there should be some lasting memorial of the rise and progress of Odd Fellowship in this State. It was originally proposed to simply have a "History of Odd Fellowship in Maine." There was afterwards appointed by the Grand Lodge of Maine a Committee to prepare a digest of the decisions made by the Grand Masters of this State upon the several points of law, which were brought before them for decision.

The Grand Lodge of Maine, in 1848, published its proceedings, the sessions from 1843 to 1848 inclusive, in book form and thereby incurred a debt from which with great difficulty they recovered. To publish the entire proceedings of the sessions from 1849 to 1876 inclusive, was looked upon as entailing upon the Grand Lodge a debt which would cause them as much trouble as did the debt from publishing the other volume.

By the action of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, the brother designated to write the "History of Odd Fellowship in Maine," was also placed upon the Committee to prepare the "Digest of Decisions," and by this action the manuscript for this book was prepared, submitted to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment for their approval, adopted and ordered printed.

The book has been prepared with a view to meet the demand made at this time, a demand which increases more and more each year. In this book will be found answers to nearly every question which affects Odd Fellowship in Maine. As a *history*, it gives an account of the several *Lodges and Encampments* which have existed within the State up to this time; as a *compendium of the proceedings* of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maine, and of their officers, it is hoped that it will be found to be accurate and sufficient; and as a *Digest* it will contain all the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment.

Prosecuted under the pressure of peculiar perplexities, and treating of subjects of peculiar difficulties, it is not to be fancied that the work is not without its defects. Doubtless, here and there, will be sought a minute elucidation of some specific point of law, with reference to which, some brother has been in doubt and expects to find it here fully discussed. It will however, occur to such readers, that the only way to obtain such information would be to print the remarks of those who were the means of having the law adopted, and to here record such remarks would be impossible.

Such as the work is, it is offered to the Odd Fellows of Maine in the belief that it is calculated to render important service to those for whose benefit, and in sympathy with those whose labors to find the truth, and their perplexities in so doing, it has been written.

PORTLAND, October, 1877.

HISTORY

OF

ODD FELLOWSHIP IN MAINE.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Maine Lodge, No. 1.

The petition for this, the first Lodge in the State, was signed by David Robinson, Jr., James N. Winslow, Alvin P. Pratt, Edward Wheeler, Jr., and Samuel E. Townsend. Brother Robinson had been for some time a member of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, in Boston, the others joined Suffolk Lodge, No. 8, of Boston, for the purpose of being qualified to petition for a new Lodge. Upon obtaining their withdrawal cards, they joined in a petition for a Lodge in Portland. In answer to the petition, a dispensation was issued by the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the 9th of August, 1843. The deputation for opening the Lodge was intrusted to Daniel Hersey, D. D. Grand Sire, who called a meeting of the petitioners at the hall, over the Canal Bank, Union street, on the 25th of the same month. At the time appointed there were present, D. D. Grand Sire, Hersey, Albert Guild, P. G., Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, brothers J. R. Mullen, B. Brown, T. C. Savory, L. M. Smith, and ——— Haskell, all of Boston. The petitioners all being present, “Maine Lodge, No. 1,” was duly instituted and so declared.

The Lodge then proceeded to election of officers, with the following result :

DAVID ROBINSON, Jr., N. G.
 JAMES N. WINSLOW, V. G.
 EDWARD WHEELER, Jr., Secretary.
 ALVIN P. PRATT, Treasurer.

The five degrees were then conferred upon the officers elect and upon brother Townsend. Applications for membership from forty-four persons were then received. The applicants were severally balloted for and elected.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment, thirty-five of the number who had been elected, were initiated.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, P. M.

8 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The officers elect were installed into their respective chairs by D. D. Grand Sire, Hersey.

The following subordinate officers were appointed :

H. C. Barnes, Warden, John D. Kinsman, Conductor, J. H. Williams, R. S. N. G., J. T. Mitchell, L. S. N. G., Samuel Rolfe, R. S. V. G., A. P. Fuller, L. S. V. G., W. E. Edwards, R. S. S., J. W. Mansfield, L. S. S., S. E. Townsend, I. G., Wm. E. Kimball, O. G.

A special meeting was held Aug. 26th, but no business was transacted.

At a special meeting held Aug. 28th, a committee consisting of brothers J. H. Williams, F. C. Moody, and W. H. Foye, were appointed to report a Constitution and by-laws.

The N. G. and V. G. were appointed a committee on regalia.

A special meeting was held Tuesday, Aug. 29th, at which time the committee on that subject reported a Constitution and by-laws.

The Constitution was adopted. The by-laws were laid on the table.

Rev. James Pratt, was unanimously elected Chaplain.

At a special meeting Aug. 30th, the by-laws were adopted, and ordered to be printed, and brothers Kinsman, Foye and Wheeler, were appointed a committee on printing and seal.

The by-laws, provided, that no person could be initiated under twenty-one years of age, except a son of an Odd Fellow, who might be admitted at twenty.

Any one initiated into the Order was required to pay \$5; degrees, \$3 each; for deposit of card, \$3; and one dollar for each degree taken, if the degree had not been taken in this Lodge. Every one that had been a member one month was deemed a *bona fide* member.

The benefits to *bona fide* members who had taken the scarlet degree were five dollars per week. Those who were not in possession of the scarlet degree were paid three dollars per week, commencing not more than one week anterior to the time of being reported to the Lodge.

Funeral benefits, for members, thirty dollars; for wives of members, fifteen dollars. The assessments were, for the general fund, fifty cents per quarter, and for the widow and orphan's fund, twelve and a half cents. When a funeral benefit was paid, or the Lodge made liable therefor, each member, if deemed necessary by the Lodge, was assessed to refund the amount.

No smoking or refreshments, otherwise than water, were allowed in the Lodge room, or any other apartment thereunto belonging.

One great mistake that was made at this time, was in agreeing to pay so high a rate of benefits on so small assessments.

It soon became evident that the very life of the institution demanded a radical change. In consequence of which, the numerical strength of the Order became very materially reduced.

At a regular meeting, held Sept. 11, brother David Robinson, Jr., N. G., was reported sick, and brothers Banks, Rolfe, Mitchell

and Barnes, were appointed a committee, to visit him. This was the first visiting committee appointed.

The first Degree meeting was held Sept. 30th.

At a regular meeting, held Oct. 2d, brothers E. P. Banks, Thomas O. Goold, Andrew P. Osborne, George W. Dam, and Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., asked for and obtained withdrawal cards for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, (Ancient Brothers, No. 4.)

November 6th, brothers Rufus Read, Wm. E. Edwards, C. W. Thomas, E. S. Stevens, Edward P. Gerrish, T. C. Hersey, J. T. Mitchell, F. C. Moody, J. W. Mansfield, Alexander Foss, H. W. Hersey, J. J. Brown, David J. True, A. L. Ilsley, O. P. Thorpe and John D. Kinsman, asked for and obtained withdrawal cards. This was for the purpose of forming Ligonía Lodge, No. 5.

Nov. 5th, a committee was appointed to invite Rev. James Pratt, to deliver a public lecture upon the principles of the Order. The invitation was accepted; brother Pratt delivered a very interesting lecture in the Federal Street Baptist Church, on Friday evening, Nov. 16th, 1843.

Jan. 22d, 1844, Past Grands, David Robinson, Jr., and J. N. Winslow, were elected delegates to meet in convention with delegates from the other Lodges in the State to form a Grand Lodge.

This Lodge initiated the first year,	.	.	472
Whole number initiated	.	.	1222
Number of brothers relieved,	.	.	1105
" " widowed families,	.	.	87
" " brothers buried,	.	.	130
Total relief,	.	.	\$53,486.54
Number of members, Dec. 31. 1876,	.	.	570
Invested Fund,	"	"	\$20,038.43

Saco Lodge, No. 2.

Saco Lodge, No. 2, was instituted at Saco, August 31st, 1843, by George W. Churchill, who had been specially commissioned for the purpose.

Grand Sire Kennedy in his report to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in 1843, alludes to brother Churchill, as P. D. G. M. He probably at some previous time, held the position of Deputy Grand Master, in New York.

The petitioners for the Lodge were Orville Huntress, Willard A. Harrington, Henry Colman, Jr., Joseph H. Greene, and Thomas Prince, all of Massachusetts.

There were also present, brothers Charles S. Burgess, of Boston, and George W. Churchill, of Saco; brother Churchill was a member of Trojan Lodge, No. 27, Troy, N. Y.

After the institution of the Lodge, officers were elected and installed as follows:

Geo. A. Warren, N. G., James Smith, Jr., V. G., Stephen Webster, Sec'y, Jere. Mason, Treasurer.

The appointed officers were, Samuel Hedden, W., Tristram Scammon, C., Wm. Batchelder, R. S. N. G., John W. Smith, L. S. N. G.

The Lodge was organized in a hall over Twombly & Smith's store, and continued to meet there until August, 1845. Since that time the meetings have been held in the 3d story of Deering's brick block on North side of Main street.

Whole number initiated,	494
Number of brothers relieved,	265
Number of widowed families relieved,	19
Number of brothers buried,	37
Total relief,	\$5,952.95
Number members, Dec. 31, 1876,	225
Invested fund, " "	\$4,223.20

Georgian Lodge, No. 3.

Georgian Lodge, No. 3, was organized in the fall of 1843. The Lodge was instituted by authority of a dispensation issued by the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

We have no record of the names of those who instituted the Lodge, or of the charter members. At the institution of the Grand Lodge, March 18, 1844, Lucius H. Chandler was present as Representative from this Lodge.

The last report to the Grand Lodge, was for the term ending April 1, 1855, at which time there were 78 contributing members.

Widows and Orphans fund \$210.00. No general fund.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of 1856, C. H. Cables, D. D. Grand Master, reported the Lodge as "having ceased work."

At the session of 1857, the Lodge was reported as having divided its funds. The working books and charter were surrendered to the Grand Lodge.

Whole number initiated,	172
Number of brothers relieved,	120
Number of widowed families relieved,	21
Number of brothers buried,	19
Total relief,	\$1765.13

Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4.

Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, was instituted October 17, 1843, by dispensation from the M. W. Grand Sire.

The charter members were Edward P. Banks, Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr. Thomas O. Goold, Geo. W. Dam and Andrew P. Osborne. Eight persons were initiated.

Officers were elected and installed as follows: Edward P. Banks, N. G., Thomas O. Goold, V. G., Andrew P. Osborne, Rec. Secretary, J. G. True, Per. Secretary, Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Treasurer.

The by-laws of Maine Lodge were adopted as the by-laws of the Lodge. All the Lodges which were instituted about this time adopted in substance the same by-laws. This Lodge reported in 1848, 312 members. In 1858, the Lodge had run down to 116, the smallest number reached. The by-laws were remodeled sev-

eral times. The initiation fee is now thirty dollars for any person under forty-five years of age, and two dollars per year for each year his age exceeds forty-five. Degree fees for members who are under thirty years of age, three dollars for each Degree. Members who are over thirty and under forty years of age, four dollars for each degree. Members whose age exceeds forty years, five dollars for each degree. The assessments are six dollars per year. Benefits, five dollars per week, commencing with the second week of sickness. Funeral benefit, fifty dollars.

Whole number initiated,	1179
Number of brothers relieved,	975
Number of widowed families relieved,	119
Number of brothers buried,	86
Total relief,	\$47,828.42
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	776
Invested funds, " "	\$22,915.03

Ligonia Lodge, No. 5.

Ligonia Lodge, No. 5, was instituted at Portland, under a dispensation from the M. W. Grand Sire, November 21, 1843.

The charter members were John D. Kinsman, Theophilus C. Hersey, Rufus Read, Joseph T. Mitchell, Franklin C. Moody, William E. Edwards, Albert S. Ilsley, Henry W. Hersey, David J. True, Orange P. Thorpe, Charles W. Thomas, Edward P. Gerish, John J. Brown, and Alexander Foss. Among the prominent members may be mentioned the name of Nathaniel F. Deering, who was always deeply interested in the welfare of the Lodge and the order. He was Grand Representative in 1845, 1848, and Grand Master in 1846. Brother Deering died in 1873. S. B. Beckett was Secretary for 21 years, until January 1869, when he declined a re-election to the office.

At the time of the fire in Portland, July 1866, the Lodge lost all its records previous to 1861.

Whole number initiated,	743
Number of brothers relieved,	493
Number of widowed families relieved,	39
Number of brothers buried,	84
Total relief,	\$23,289.34
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	555
Invested funds, " "	\$19,516.69

Sabattis Lodge, No. 6.

Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, was instituted at Augusta in December, 1843, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The charter members were John G. Sawyer, William B. Hartwell, Issacher Snell, Jr., John C. Pickard, and William R. Smith. These brothers had become initiated into Maine Lodge, No. 1, and taken withdrawal cards for the purpose of forming Sabattis Lodge. We are unable to give the names of the first officers, as the records were all destroyed by fire in 1865. This Lodge worked very successfully for quite a number of years.

In 1848 it reported 254 members, with an invested fund of \$2650.00. This was the highest number of members attained. From this time there was a gradual falling off in membership, and interest. At the time of the great fire in Augusta, Sept. 17, 1865, the Lodge lost its charter, seal, records, and furniture. The Lodge held a nominal existence for some time and finally collapsed. At the time of the breaking up of the Lodge, there was a membership of 29, with an invested fund of about \$3000.00. The fund was divided among the 29 members.

For this procedure, at the regular session of the Grand Lodge in 1867, Sabattis Lodge was expelled from the order. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1874, the vote declaring the Lodge expelled was rescinded, and the Lodge declared defunct, thus giving those members who wished to do so, a chance, by taking proper steps to again connect themselves with the order.

The following will show the work of this Lodge :

Whole number initiated,	288
Number of brothers relieved,	226
Number of widowed families relieved,	2
Number of brothers buried,	20
Total relief,	\$4,890.63

Penobscot Lodge, No. 7.

Penobscot Lodge, No. 7. was instituted at Bangor, February 15, 1844, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States, by James N. Winslow, acting as Grand Master, assisted by William R. Smith, as Grand Warden, Samuel S. Haines, as Grand Secretary, Issacher Snell, Jr., as Grand Treasurer, Edward P. Banks, as Grand Marshal.

The charter members were Samuel Thatcher, John R. Crockett, Davis B. Roberts, E. W. Dennison, and David Bugbee.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Samuel Thatcher, N. G., John R. Crockett, V. G., Davis B. Roberts, Secretary, E. W. Dennison, Treasurer.

The Lodge reported in 1846, a membership of 223. In 1859, the membership was but 38.

Whole number initiated,	419
Number of brothers relieved,	115
Number of widowed families relieved,	35
Number of brothers buried,	23
Total relief,	\$5063.40
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	159
Invested fund, " "	\$3,939.41

Relief Lodge, No. 8.

Relief Lodge, No. 8, was instituted at East Thomaston under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States. We have been unable to obtain authentic information in regard to the early history of this Lodge. From the first report of the Lodge,

made to the Grand Lodge of Maine in April, 1845, we learn that the membership at that time was 53. In 1848, the membership was 141. In 1851, the Lodge was removed to Rockland. The last report made, was for the year ending July 1, 1864, which showed a membership of 34, with an invested fund of \$2182.00

In 1865, the Lodge voted to break up, and divide the funds among its members, which was done.

Whole number initiated,	194
Number of brothers relieved,	84
Number of widowed families relieved,	15
Number of brothers buried,	7
Total relief,	\$1459.64

Natahnis Lodge, No. 9.

Natahnis Lodge, No. 9, was instituted at Gardiner, in 1844, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In 1848, it had a membership of 225, which was the highest number reached. The last annual report made, was for the year ending April 1, 1849, which showed a membership of 221, with an invested fund of \$432.74.

Soon after that time the Lodge "ceased work." In 1854, an effort was made to revive the Lodge, but it was not successful.

Whole number initiated,	259
Number of brothers relieved,	65
Number of brothers buried,	4
Total relief,	\$1015.00

Lincoln Lodge, No. 10.

Lincoln Lodge, No. 10, was instituted at Bath, March 12, 1844, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States, by George W. Churchill, D. D. G. Sire. The charter members were Edward S. J. Nealley, David Ingalls, Nath'l Walker, Alonzo Parsons and Elisha Clarke.

The first officers were E. S. J. Nealley, N. G., Nath'l Walker, V. G., Elisha Clarke, Secretary, Alonzo Parsons, Treasurer. In 1846, the reports show a membership of 212, with an invested fund of about \$1800.00. From this time the membership began to decline. The report to the Grand Lodge, July 1, 1864, showed a membership of only 17, with an invested fund of \$1250.00. January 30th, 1865, a motion was introduced stating "that it is expedient to close up the affairs of this Lodge," and notwithstanding the protest of Elisha Clarke, P. G. M., the vote was carried, and the funds divided. The Lodge was soon after re-organized and has since that time been very prosperous.

Whole number initiated,	313
Number of brothers relieved,	93
Number of widowed families relieved,	3
Number of brothers buried,	8
Total relief,	\$1,435.07
Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876,	108
Invested fund, " "	\$828.02

Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11.

Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, was instituted at Saccarappa, May 22d, 1844, under a dispensation issued by authority of the Grand Lodge of Maine. The Lodge was instituted by David Robinson, Jr., P. G., assisted by brothers J. D. Kinsman, T. C. Hersey, Samuel Rolfe, N. F. Deering, L. S. Saddler, C. W. Thomas, W. C. Beckett, J. H. Williams and George Sawyer.

This was the first Lodge instituted by authority of the Grand Lodge of Maine. We can find no record of the names of the petitioners for the Lodge, but inasmuch as the five degrees were conferred at that time upon brothers Moses Quinby, 2d, Albert S. Harding, Geo. W. Partridge, A. H. Cobb, Moses Stiles, Sewall Brackett, Bailey Quinby, Abraham Parker, and William Cloudman, it is reasonable to infer that they were the charter members. Fourteen candidates were initiated. The following officers were elected and installed, viz: Moses Quinby, 2d, N. G., Sewall Brackett, V. G., Bailey Quinby, Secretary, Moses Stiles, Treasurer.

In 1848, the Lodge reported a membership of 195, and an invested fund of \$1,200.63.

For the year ending June 30, 1864, the reports of the Lodge show a membership of 23, with an invested fund of \$910.00.

In April, 1864, the funds were divided among the members, for which notes were given running ninety-nine years without interest, and the Lodge ceased work. Soon after this, application was made to the Grand Secretary for blank withdrawal cards, which he declined to furnish, on the ground that the Lodge was broken up. In 1866, the following members paid into a new fund the amount received in the distribution of the funds, and the Lodge was re-organized, viz: Solomon L. Libby, Joseph P. Libby, Nathaniel Murch, George G. Murch, John Brown, Eleazer Chase, D. W. Babb, John A. Low. The Lodge is now in good condition.

Whole number initiated,	395
Number of brothers relieved,	186
Whole number widowed families relieved,	14
Number of brothers buried,	22
Total relief,	\$7,351.42
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	195
Invested fund, " "	5,005.87

Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 12.

Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 12, was instituted at Bangor, May 23, 1844, by Samuel Thatcher, Jr., P. G., assisted by the following Past Grands:

Charles Snell, G. Warden, *pro tem*; David Bugbee, G. Secretary, *pro tem*; Benjamin Plummer, G. Treasurer, *pro tem*; James P. Crockett, Grand Marshal, *pro tem*.

The charter members were Davis B. Roberts, O. S. Beale, E. C. Smart, Wm. T. Pearson, Alexander Pearson.

Officers were elected and installed as follows: O. S. Beale, N. G., Davis B. Roberts, V. G., Wm. T. Pearson, Secretary, Alexander Pearson, Treasurer.

For the quarter ending December 31, 1846, the Lodge reported a membership of 189, with an invested fund of \$1,212.86.

July 1856, the report showed a membership of 14. Invested fund \$1,060.00.

The charter was surrendered in 1858.

Whole number initiated,	196
Number of brothers relieved,	66
Number of widowed families relieved,	16
Number of brothers buried,	14
Total relief,	\$2,992.05

Pejepscot Lodge, No. 13.

Pejepscot Lodge, No. 13, was instituted at Brunswick, June 13th, 1844, by E. S. J. Nealley, P. G., assisted by delegates from Bath.

The charter members were Giles Bailey, John S. Cushing, John D. Coburn, Leonard P. Merrill, William H. Morse, Horatio Hall.

After the institution of the Lodge, sixteen persons were initiated.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

John S. Cushing, N. G., William H. Morse, V. G., Leonard P. Merrill, Secretary, Joseph Lunt, 2d, Treasurer.

The report for the year ending May, 1848, showed a membership of 84. Invested fund \$523.72. The report for the year ending July 1, 1867, gave a membership of 9, with a widow and orphan's fund of \$400.00.

At the session of the Grand Lodge in 1868, the Grand Secretary reported that the Lodge had been broken up and the funds divided among the members. October 6, 1875, on petition of twelve charter members, two being former members of Pejepscot Lodge, the charter was restored, and the Lodge re-instituted.

Whole number initiated,	122
Number of brothers relieved,	32
Number of widowed families relieved,	6
Number of brothers buried,	7
Total relief,	\$739.00
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	52
Invested fund, " "	\$237.48

Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14.

Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14, was instituted at Augusta, June 19, 1844, by John G. Sawyer, P. G.

The charter members were William B. Hartwell, John C. Pickard, Edward Fenno, Eben Fuller, Joshua D. Pierce.

In 1846, the Lodge reported 155 members. Invested fund \$1,400.00.

The last report to the Grand Lodge was for the year ending April 1, 1850, which showed a membership of 64. Invested fund \$524.83.

January, 1851, the charter, books and papers were surrendered to the Grand Lodge.

Whole number initiated,	173
Number of brothers relieved,	48
Number of widowed families relieved,	1
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$757.88

Passagassawakeag Lodge, No. 15.

Passagassawakeag Lodge, No. 15, was instituted at Belfast, June 29th, 1844, by L. H. Chandler, D. G. Master. The charter members were David W. Lothrop, R. G. Lancaster, W. L. Torry, Robert M. Griffin.

The Lodge reported in 1849, a membership of 179. Invested fund \$1,507.00.

In April, 1856, with a membership of 54, and an invested fund of \$1,300.00, the Lodge voted to surrender its charter and divide the funds.

Whole number initiated,	236
Number of brothers relieved,	70
Number of widowed families relieved,	11
Number of brothers buried,	10
Total relief,	\$1,673.06

Hobomok Lodge, No. 16.

Hobomok Lodge, No. 16, was instituted at Bath, August, 1844. The charter members were Jacob S. Sewall, David Ingalls, James Wakefield, Henry D. McCobb, H. C. Donnell, B. T. Chase, James H. Nichols, Samuel Crowell, E. H. Mitchell, Samuel G. Stinson, S. G. Stockbridge, John Lambert, Thomas Bowles, William Clifford, David S. Stinson, Geo. Davis.

In 1849, the Lodge reported 170 members, with an invested fund of \$750.00.

In 1851, the Lodge was expelled from the jurisdiction for insubordination in refusing to pay its proportion of a *per capita* assessment made by the Grand Lodge.

Whole number initiated,	198
Number of brothers relieved,	45
Number of widowed families relieved,	1
Number of brothers relieved,	1
Total relief,	\$556.00

Washington Lodge, No. 17.

Washington Lodge, No. 17, was instituted at Hallowell, August 10th, 1844.

In 1847, the Lodge reported a membership of 133. Invested fund \$650.00.

The last report made was in 1851, which showed 44 members.
Invested fund, \$600.00.

Whole number initiated,	176
Number of brothers relieved,	63
Number of brothers buried,	6
Total relief,	\$1,531.90

Orona Lodge, No. 18.

Orono Lodge, No. 18, was instituted at Orono, Sept. 3d, 1844, by Charles Snell, D. D. G. Master, assisted by Samuel Thatcher, Jr., as G. W., David Bugbee, as G. Secy., S. H. Dale, as G. Treas., E. P. Baldwin, as G. I. G., Oliver S. Beale, as G. Marshal.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

E. P. Butts, N. G., William H. Allen, V. G., C. Buffum Secretary, N. G. Allen, Treasurer. In 1849, the membership was reported to be 101, invested fund \$1218.99.

In 1859, the Lodge surrendered its charter and divided its funds among the members. It had at the time 23 members and a fund of \$1298.70.

Whole number initiated,	122
Number of brothers relieved,	49
Number of widowed families relieved,	1
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief	\$715.00

Passamaquoddy Lodge, No. 19.

Passamaquoddy Lodge, No. 19, was instituted at Eastport Sept. 27th, 1844, by Charles Snell, D. D. G. M. In 1868 this Lodge had 168 members with an invested fund of \$1572.41. The last report to the Grand Lodge was made in 1856, which showed a membership of 30 with an invested fund of \$1000.00 In 1857 the charter was reclaimed.

Whole number initiated,	191
Number of brothers relieved,	93
Number of widowed families relieved,	4
Number of brothers buried,	10
Total relief,	\$1735.71

Harrison Lodge, No. 20.

Harrison Lodge, No. 20, was instituted at Harrison October 3, 1844. In 1850, the Lodge had 55 members, with an invested fund of \$303.26. This was the highest point reached. The membership soon after began to decrease. In 1854, the Grand Lodge authorized the Grand Master to receive the charter, books and papers of Harrison Lodge, should the Lodge vote to surrender them, allowing the Lodge to retain its funds for the purpose of uniting with Cumberland Lodge. Harrison Lodge declined to avail itself of the permission, and resolved to make an effort at revival, which for a time appeared as if it would be successful. In a few years the Lodge again declined, and surrendered its charter in 1859.

Whole number initiated,	98
Number of brothers relieved,	53
Number of widowed families relieved,	7
Number of brothers buried,	2
Total relief,	\$582.65

Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No 21.

Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21, was instituted at Mercer, December 21, 1844.

In 1848 the Lodge reported a membership of 101. Invested fund \$448.78.

The last report to the Grand Lodge was made in 1850, which showed a membership of 70. Invested fund \$550.00

The charter was reclaimed in 1853.

Whole number initiated,	168
Number of brothers relieved,	19
Number of brothers buried,	5
Total relief,	\$358.08

Medomak Lodge, No. 22.

Medomak Lodge, No. 22, was instituted at Waldoboro, January 20, 1845. In 1850, the Lodge reported 65 members. Invested fund \$500.00.

The last report was made in 1856, showing a membership of 20, with an invested fund of \$825.00.

This Lodge was unfortunate in having been burnt out three times, the last time in 1855, from the effects of which it never rallied.

Whole number initiated,	93
Number of brothers relieved,	11
Number of brothers buried,	4
Total relief,	\$237.20

Schoodiac Lodge, No. 23.

Schoodiac Lodge, No. 23, was instituted in Calais, January 21, 1845. In 1848, the reports showed a membership of 158. Invested fund \$850.70. The last report of the Lodge was made in 1852, which showed a membership of 70. Invested fund \$950.00.

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	178
Number of brothers relieved,	43
Number of widowed families relieved,	3
Number of brothers buried,	8
Total relief,	\$724.00

Androscoggin Lodge, No. 24.

Androscoggin Lodge, No. 24, was instituted at Lewiston, Feb-

ruary 26, 1845, by James Pratt, Grand Master, assisted by the other Grand officers.

Whole number initiated,	465
Number of brothers relieved,	177
Number of widowed families relieved,	11
Number of brothers buried,	16
Total relief,	\$4493.25
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	318
Invested fund, " "	\$3423.35

Acadia Lodge, No. 25.

Acadia Lodge, No. 25, was instituted at Bangor, March 18, 1845.

The reports for the year 1846, showed a membership of 67. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1847, the Grand Master reported that, it having come to his knowledge that Acadia Lodge had been in the habit of using other forms of initiation than those contained in the authorized charge books of the order, he directed the District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th District to investigate the matter. In the course of the correspondence which ensued, the Lodge acknowledged that they had used some portion of the old work, and gave as a reason that they liked it better than the new, and should probably continue to use it, unless expressly forbidden to do so. The Grand Master then expressly forbid the Lodge to make use of any lectures or charges not contained in the books furnished them by the Grand Lodge. On the report of the facts in the case, by the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge, that body referred the matter to a committee on whose recommendation a vote was passed, censuring Acadia Lodge for insubordination, and requiring it to obey the requirements of the Grand Lodge under penalty of having the charter reclaimed. A lengthy correspondence ensued between the Grand Master and the officers of the Lodge, in the course of which the Lodge expressed a determination not to submit to the requirements of the Grand

Lodge. At the session of 1848, the Grand Master submitted the correspondence had with Acadia Lodge, and after due consideration, said Acadia Lodge was expelled from this jurisdiction and from the order.

Whole number initiated	72
Number of brothers buried,	1

Mousam Lodge, No. 26.

Mousam Lodge, No. 26, was instituted at Kennebunk, May 8th, 1845, by James Smith, D. D. G. Master, assisted by other Grand officers and a large delegation from Saco Lodge. The charter members were James L. Lombard, David B. Cleaves, John Cobby, Jonathan Lovering and Peter S. Holden.

Whole number initiated,	213
Number of members relieved,	166
Number of widowed families relieved,	6
Number of brothers buried,	16
Total relief,	\$2,844.17
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	121
Invested fund, " "	\$2,131.29

Tarratine Lodge, No. 27.

Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, was instituted at Oldtown, May 23, 1845, by Charles Snell, D. D. G. Master, assisted by E. P. Butler, G. Warden, *pro tem.*; W. H. Allen, G. Secretary, *pro tem.*; Lorenzo Beal, G. Treasurer, *pro tem.*; J. Reed, Jr., G. Marshal, *pro tem.*; B. Norton, G. Guardian, *pro tem.*

Whole number initiated,	259
Number of brothers relieved,	71
Number of widowed families relieved,	9
Number of brothers buried,	13
Total relief,	2,420.55
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	85
Invested fund, " "	\$1,585.40

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 28.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 28, was instituted at South Berwick, June 3d, 1845, by James Smith, D. D. G. Master, assisted by the following Past Grands, viz: Samuel H. Parker, Daniel M. Owen and Jones W. Drew, of Dover, N. H., J. W. Sargent and John Cobby, of Mousam Lodge, No. 26, and Samuel M. Colcord of Boston.

The charter members were George S. Woodman, Charles T. Trafton, John B. Nealley, Caleb Sanborn, John G. Thompson.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

Geo. S. Woodman, N. G., Charles T. Trafton, V. G., John B. Nealley, Secretary, Caleb Sanborn, Treasurer.

In 1849, the Lodge reported a membership of 81. Invested fund \$330.00. In 1863, the report shows a membership of 32. Invested fund \$600.00.

Whole number initiated,	237
Number of brothers relieved,	150
Number of widowed families relieved,	4
Number of brothers buried,	8
Total relief,	\$2,187.94
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	125
Invested fund, " "	\$5,000.00

Katahdin Lodge, No. 29.

Katahdin Lodge, No. 29, was instituted at Dover in 1845. In 1848, the reports show a membership of 75. Invested fund \$408.00.

The last report made by the Lodge was in 1854, at which time there were 40 members.

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	65
Number of brothers relieved,	8
Total relief,	\$276.00

Cumberland Lodge, No. 30.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 30, was instituted at Centre Bridgton, in 1845, by Francis Blake, D. D. G. Master. The charter members were Samuel Andrews, 2d, B. K. Carsely, W. T. Kilburn, W. W. Cross, Benjamin Walker, Alvin Dennett, Richard Gage, Calvin Brigham and Charles Reed, who withdrew from Harrison Lodge, No. 20, for the purpose of forming this Lodge.

About two years after the formation of the Lodge, the hall occupied was destroyed by fire, by reason of which the Lodge lost all its papers, regalia and other property, thereby necessitating a heavy draft upon the purses of the members to replace the furniture, but they persevered, and in 1849 built the hall now occupied, which was dedicated in 1850, by James Pratt, Grand Master. In 1853, the Lodge numbered 82 members, with an invested fund of \$2,000.00. In 1864, the membership was 28. Invested fund \$2,200.00.

Whole number initiated,	360
Number of brothers relieved,	150
Number of widowed families relieved,	8
Number of brothers buried,	18
Total relief,	\$2,492.70
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	224
Invested fund, " "	\$6,173.43

Lafayette Lodge, No. 31.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge, held August, 1845, a petition was presented and signed by six brothers, members of Relief Lodge, No. 8, for a charter for a new Lodge to be located at Camden, to be called "Lafayette Lodge." The Grand Lodge voted to issue a charter to the petitioners, and the Lodge was instituted at some time during the year.

In 1848, the report showed a membership of 46. Invested fund \$196.71.

The report for the year 1850 shows a membership of 33. Invested fund, \$54.00.

The Lodge surrendered its charter in 1851.

Whole number initiated,	62
Number of brothers relieved,	23
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$197.09

Damariscotta Lodge, No. 32.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge held in August, 1846, a petition was presented for a new Lodge to be located at Nobleboro'. The committee to whom the subject was referred, made a favorable report, and a charter was granted, and Damariscotta Lodge, No. 32, was shortly after instituted. In 1848, the Lodge reported a membership of 100. Invested fund \$793.84. The last report made by the Lodge was in 1856, which showed a membership of 70.

Whole number initiated,	121
Number of brothers relieved,	49
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$425.00

Howard Lodge, No. 33.

Howard Lodge, No. 33, was instituted at Machias, in 1846. In 1849, the Lodge reported 109 members. Invested fund \$51.61. The last report made was in 1855, which showed a membership of 50. Invested fund \$478.00.

In 1857, the Lodge was reported as having broken up entirely.

Whole number initiated,	120
Number of brothers relieved,	42
Number of widowed families relieved,	2
Number of brothers buried,	8
Total relief,	\$615.00.

Carrabasset Lodge, No. 34.

Carrabasset Lodge, No. 34, was instituted at Skowhegan, in 1846.

In 1854, the Lodge ceased work, and in 1857 the charter was re-claimed.

In 1862, on petition, the charter was restored to a portion of its members, and the Lodge resumed work.

Whole number initiated,	283
Number of brothers relieved,	69
Number of widowed families relieved,	5
Number of brothers buried,	10
Total relief,	\$1,649.25
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	124
Invested fund, " "	\$603.56

Union Lodge, No. 35.

Union Lodge, No. 35, was instituted at Union, January 10th, 1846. The charter members were Isaac G. Allen, George Abbott, Stephen S. Hawes, William Gleason and Cyrus G. Batchelder.

The membership in 1850, was 61. Invested fund \$753.08. In 1859, the report showed a membership of 40. Invested fund \$1,012.00.

Whole number initiated,	200
Number of brothers relieved,	138
Number of widowed families relieved,	21
Number of brothers buried,	27
Total relief,	\$1,977.50
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	84
Invested fund,	\$1,663.00

Narramisc Lodge, No. 36.

Narramisc Lodge, No. 36, was instituted at Orland, March, 1846, by S. H. Dale, D. D. G. Master, assisted by brothers of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 12, of Bangor. The charter members were Joshua E. Burnham, John E. Saunders, Stillman Cotton, T. G. Saunders, and George Hancock.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

Joshua E. Burnham, N. G., John E. Saunders, V. G., George Hancock, Secretary, T. G. Saunders, Treasurer. In 1849, the Lodge reported 78 members. Invested fund \$216.77.

The last report made was in 1860, at which time there was 23 members. The charter was surrendered in 1861.

Whole number initiated,	108
Number of brothers relieved,	97
Number of widowed families relieved,	9
Number of brothers buried,	7
Total relief,	\$1083.17

Kennebec Lodge, No. 37.

Kennebec Lodge, No. 37, was instituted at Hallowell, March, 1846. In 1849, the Lodge reported a membership of 64. May 9, 1849, the Lodge voted "to sell its property and divide the proceeds of the sale, together with the cash funds then on hand, between the *bona fide* members of said Lodge, in proportion to the amount paid in by them." At the same meeting a resolution was adopted declaring said Lodge dissolved. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge in 1850, in view of the foregoing facts, a resolution was adopted expelling Kennebec Lodge No. 37, from this jurisdiction and from the order.

Whole number initiated,	31
Total relief,	\$20.00

Astoria Lodge, No. 38.

Astoria Lodge, No. 38, was instituted at Frankfort, April 2, 1846. The officers elected and installed the same evening were as follows :

Joseph P. Hooper, N. G., N. H. Hubbard, V. G., Lathley Rich, Secretary, Remembrance Clark, Treasurer. In 1849, the Lodge numbered 83. Invested fund \$633.30. For the year ending July 1, 1862, the Lodge reported 14 members. Invested fund \$350.00

The last meeting of the Lodge was held in the office of the Secretary, Reuben A. Rich, Dec. 30, 1862, at which time it was voted to divide the funds among the members in good standing and surrender the charter.

At the close of the records of the final meeting these words were written, "Sic Transit Gloria Mundi." Various causes combined led to the death of the Lodge. Many of the members moved away, others lost all interest in the order, and a few proved themselves unworthy. One, who held a prominent position, used a large portion of the fund, leaving worthless paper as security. This soured and disappointed many, and finally the Lodge ceased work.

Whole number initiated,	90
Number of brothers relieved,	61
Number of brothers buried,	5
Total relief,	\$549.00

Samaritan Lodge, No. 39.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 39, was instituted at Waterville in 1846. In 1849, the Lodge reported 117 members. Invested fund \$557.62. In 1853, the report showed a membership of 36.

The charter was surrendered in 1855.

Whole number initiated,	82
Number of brothers relieved,	34
Number of widowed families relieved,	3
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$593.19

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 40.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 40, was instituted at Thomaston in 1846. In 1853, the Lodge reported 50 members. The charter was surrendered in 1854.

Whole number initiated,	36
Number of brothers relieved,	8
Total relief,	\$153.00

Mattanawcook Lodge, No. 41.

Mattanawcook Lodge, No. 41, was instituted at Lincoln in 1846, by E. P. Butler, D. D. Grand Master. In 1854, the Lodge reported a membership of 41. The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	33
Number of brothers relieved,	1
Number of widowed families relieved,	1
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$22.00

Adelphian Lodge, No. 42.

Adelphian Lodge, No. 42, was instituted at Searsport in 1847, by F. A. Hodsdon, D. D. Grand Master. In 1849, the report showed a membership of 92. Invested fund \$420.00.

In 1852, Mark R. Hopkins, a member of said Lodge, appealed from its action in refusing to pay him benefits. The Grand Lodge sustained the appeal and ordered Adelphian Lodge to pay the benefits, which it declined to do. The attention of the Grand Lodge was again called to the matter in 1853, and the Grand Master was authorized to reclaim the charter of the Lodge, unless it complied with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. Adelphian Lodge persisted in refusing to acquiesce, but chose rather to surrender its charter, which was accordingly done.

Whole number initiated,	95
Number of brothers relieved,	7
Number of widowed families relieved,	2
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$209.00

Norembequa Lodge, No. 43.

Norembequa Lodge, No. 43, was instituted at Ellsworth in 1847, by E. P. Butler, D. D. Grand Master. In 1849, this Lodge reported 87 members. Invested fund \$144.27.

In 1854, the Lodge ceased work and divided its funds.

Whole number initiated,	90
Number of brothers relieved,	11
Number of widowed families relieved,	1
Total relief,	\$352.50

Laconia Lodge, No. 44.

Laconia Lodge, No. 44, was instituted at Biddeford in 1847, by N. F. Deering, Grand Master, assisted by Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary, and a number of brothers from Saco Lodge No. 2. In 1855, the Lodge numbered 75 members, with an invested fund of \$500.00.

In 1864, the membership was 44.

Invested fund \$626.00.

Whole number initiated,	378
Number of brothers relieved,	133
Number of widowed families relieved,	23
Number of brothers buried,	17
Total relief,	\$3702.25
Number of members December 31, 1876,	231
Invested fund, " "	\$10,268.47

Central Lodge, No. 45.

Central Lodge, No. 45, was instituted at Wayne April 28, 1847, by W. H. Clark, D. D. Grand Master. Officers were elected and installed as follows:

William H. Passmore, N. G., J. B. Fillebrown, V. G., William B. Briggs, Secretary, Samuel Faunce, Treasurer. The meetings of the Lodge were regularly held and the work and duties of the order appear to have been well attended to for a number of years. In 1851, the Lodge numbered 55 members. Invested fund \$332.11.

During the last year of its existence there was much irregularity in holding meetings. At a meeting held Dec. 25, 1855, it was voted to "adjourn one week." The adjournment meeting does,

not appear to have been held. The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	53
Number of brothers relieved,	20
Total relief,	\$176.00

Pequawket Lodge, No. 46.

Pequawket Lodge, No. 46, was instituted at Brownfield, May 13, 1847, by Cyril Pearl, Past District Deputy Grand Master. In 1858, the Lodge numbered 61 members. Invested fund, \$853.89. In 1864, the membership became reduced to 10. Invested fund \$680.00.

Whole number initiated,	173
Number of brothers relieved,	92
Number of widowed families relieved,	4
Number of brothers buried,	7
Total relief,	\$1,392.14
Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876,	92
Invested fund, " "	\$1,700.00

Vesper Lodge, No. 47.

Vesper Lodge, No. 47, was instituted at Camden, May 27, 1847, by Iddo K. Kimball, D. D. Grand Master. In 1848, the Lodge numbered 20 members. Invested fund, \$98.20.

The charter was surrendered in 1850.

Whole number initiated,	13
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$10.00

Canal Lodge, No. 48.

Canal Lodge, No. 48, was instituted at Searsmont, May 16,

1847, the Lodge numbered in 1852, 69 members. Invested fund, \$550.00

The charter was reclaimed in 1854.

Whole number initiated,	64
Total relief,	\$164.95

Carratunk Lodge, No. 49.

Carratunk Lodge, No. 49, was instituted at Solon, July 17, 1847, by Amasa Dingley, D. D. Grand Master. In 1849, the Lodge numbered 77 members. Invested fund, \$200.40. The last report to the Grand Lodge was in 1855, which showed a membership of 50.

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	67
Number of brothers relieved,	11
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$98.50

Frontier Lodge, No. 50.

Frontier Lodge No. 50, was instituted at Lubec, February 23, 1848, by B. M. Flint, D. D. Grand Master. The Lodge numbered in 1850, 51 members. Invested fund \$160.00

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	47
Number of brothers relieved,	13
Total relief,	\$133.00

North Anson Lodge, No. 51.

North Anson Lodge, No. 51, was instituted at North Anson, February 25, 1848, by Amasa Dingley, D. D. Grand Master. The Lodge numbered in 1851, 48 members. Invested fund, \$381.67.

The last report of this Lodge was made in 1855, which showed a membership of 19. Invested fund \$375.00.

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	69
Number of brothers relieved,	18
Total relief,	\$124.00

Adams Lodge, No. 52.

Adams Lodge, No. 52, was instituted at Bucksport, March 23, 1848, by J. E. Burnham, D. D. Grand Master.

The reports for the year 1851, show a membership of 59. Invested fund, \$225.39.

The last report from this Lodge was made in 1855, which showed a membership of 50.

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated	57
Number of brothers relieved,	22
Total relief,	\$220.00

Social Friends Lodge, No. 53.

Social Friends Lodge, No. 53, was instituted at Appleton, April 27, 1848, by Bohan P. Field, P. G. In 1850, the reports showed a membership of 28. Invested fund, \$122.00.

The charter was reclaimed in 1854.

Whole number initiated,	24
Number of brothers relieved,	4
Total relief,	\$18.20

Gaugus Lodge, No. 54.

Gaugus Lodge, No. 54, was instituted at Cherryfield, May 30, 1848, by Albert Pillsbury, D. D. Grand Master. J. A. Milliken,

was the first Noble Grand. In 1852, the Lodge numbered 67. Invested fund, \$742.00.

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	62
Number of brothers relieved,	12
Total relief,	\$123.00

Lemon Stream Lodge, No. 55.

Lemon Stream Lodge, No. 55, was instituted at New Portland, October 2, 1848, by John Trask, Jr., D. D. Grand Master.

The following were the charter members:

Abram Spooner, George A. Fletcher, Ansel L. Watson, William Witham, Daniel B. Jones, Moses Williams, Jr., Lemont Spooner, Charles L. Carsley, William Vaughan, Simeon C. Hanson, John D. Davis, Merchant H. Stewart, John I. Stewart, Nathaniel E. Wright, and Joseph D. Vaughan.

The first officers elected and installed were as follows:

Abram Spooner, N. G., Simeon C. Hanson, V. G., Nathaniel E. Wright, Recording Secretary, Geo. A. Fletcher, Permanent Secretary, Lemont Spooner, Treasurer. In 1851, the Lodge numbered 37 members. Invested fund, \$347.00. In 1869, the report showed a membership of 12. Invested fund, \$800.00.

Whole number initiated,	55
Number of brothers relieved,	36
Total relief,	\$474.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	53
Invested fund, " "	\$561.55

Warren Lodge, No. 56.

Warren Lodge, No. 56, was instituted at Warren, February 7, 1849, by E. W. Pendleton, D. D. Grand Master. In 1854, the Lodge had 34 members.

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	30
Number of brothers relieved,	13
Number of brothers buried,	2
Total relief,	\$102.42

Ockonostota Lodge, No. 57.

Ockonostota Lodge, No. 57, was instituted at Sullivan, March, 8, 1849, by Nathan Emerson, D. D. Grand Master.

The charter was reclaimed in 1857.

Whole number initiated,	30
Number of brothers relieved,	7
Total relief,	\$63.30

Franklin Lodge, No. 58.

Franklin Lodge, No. 58, was instituted at Farmington, February 27th, 1849, by John Trask, Jr., D. D. Grand Master. The charter members were as follows: J. A. Linscott, William Tripp, John Trask, Jr., Jedediah H. McKeese, J. Edward Ham, Charles M. Barrell, William Lancaster.

The report for the year ending July 1, 1860, showed a membership of 19. Invested fund \$275.00. Soon after this time the Lodge ceased work and its charter was reclaimed. December 3d, 1872, on petition of seven of the former members, the charter was restored and the Lodge re-organized.

Whole number initiated,	86
Number of brothers relieved,	27
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$270.64
Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876,	74
Invested fund, " "	631.81

Felix Lodge, No. 59.

Felix Lodge, No. 59, was instituted at Newburgh, January 2, 1850. In 1852, the Lodge numbered 78 members. Invested fund \$857.19. In 1859, this Lodge with a fund of about ten hundred dollars, and thirty members, surrendered its charter and divided its funds.

Whole number initiated,	73
Number of brothers relieved,	24
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$194.25

Oriental Lodge, No. 60.

Oriental Lodge, No. 60, was instituted at Dixmont, January 24, 1851, by S. B. Straw, Grand Master. The charter members were Daniel Jewell, Byron Porter, A. T. C. Dodge, Samuel Bragg, N. H. Bragg, and John Dennis.

In 1853, the Lodge had 35 members. In 1859, the reports showed a membership of 7. Invested fund \$100.00.

At the session of the Grand Lodge, August, 1859, a petition signed by A. T. C. Dodge, Norris H. Bragg, F. A. Bean, and John Dennis, was presented requesting to be allowed to remove Oriental Lodge from Dixmont, to Bangor. Permission was given and the Lodge removed accordingly.

Whole number initiated,	349
Number of brothers relieved,	92
Number of widowed families relieved,	12
Number of brothers buried,	14
Total relief,	\$1,909.74
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	240
Invested fund, " "	4,815.08

Sandy River Lodge, No. 61.

Sandy River Lodge, was instituted at Phillips, May 20, 1851, by Abram Spooner, D. D. Grand Master.

The charter was surrendered in 1854.

Whole number initiated,	10
Number of brothers relieved,	2
Total relief,	\$24.62

Manufacturers & Mechanics' Lodge, No. 62.

Manufacturers and Mechanics' Lodge, No. 62, was instituted at Lewiston, 1853.

Whole number initiated,	375
Number of brothers relieved,	119
Number of widowed families relieved,	17
Number of brothers buried,	8
Total relief,	\$4,611.25
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	256
Invested fund, " "	\$3,996.66

Dirigo Lodge, No. 63.

Dirigo Lodge, No. 63, was instituted at Milo, January 21, 1869, by N. H. Colton, Grand Master. The charter members were T. H. Palmer, C. A. Snow, Moses Tolman, D. B. Tolman, and R. A. Monroe, who had previously joined Oriental Lodge, No. 60, Bangor, and took withdrawal cards for the purpose of forming this Lodge.

Whole number initiated,	93
Number of brothers relieved,	8
Number of widowed families relieved,	2
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$209.25
Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876,	67
Invested fund, " "	\$1,706.72

Kineo Lodge, No. 64.

Kineo Lodge, No. 64, was instituted at Dover, March 22, 1870, by J. E. Haseltine, Grand Master, assisted by J. K. Merrill,

Grand Representative, George H. Walden and Charles B. Nash, Past Grands, and a large delegation from Bangor and Milo.

The charter members were O. P. Martin, W. D. Blethen, George G. Downing, B. C. Lowell, G. E. S. Bryant, J. B. Chase, and D. F. Ayer.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

J. B. Chase, N. G., B. C. Lowell, V. G., G. G. Downing, Secretary, W. D. Blethen, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	.	.	.	.	155
Number of brothers relieved,	.	.	.	.	8
Number of widowed families relieved,	.	.	.	.	1
Number of brothers buried,	.	.	.	.	3
Total relief,	.	.	.	.	\$276.90
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	.	.	.	.	131
Invested fund,	"	"	.	.	\$2,223.99

Plymouth Lodge, No. 65.

Plymouth Lodge, No. 65, was instituted at Dexter, December 6, 1870, by E. H. Fogg, D. D. G. M., assisted by delegates from Bangor and Milo.

The following were the charter members :

A. M. Robinson, holding a withdrawal card from Oriental Lodge, No. 60, N. F. Roberts, George A. Jones, J. Sanborn, and J. C. Edmonds, holding withdrawal cards from Kineo Lodge, No. 64.

Officers were installed as follows :

J. Sanborn, N. G., A. M. Robinson, V. G., N. F. Roberts, Secretary, G. A. Hynes, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	.	.	.	.	101
Number of brothers relieved,	.	.	.	.	26
Total relief,	.	.	.	.	\$244.50
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	.	.	.	.	114
Invested fund,	"	"	.	.	\$817.48

Kezar Valley Lodge, No. 66.

Kezar Valley Lodge, No. 66, was instituted at Lovell, August 29, 1871, by M. Gleason, D. D. Grand Master, assisted by Past Grands of Cumberland and Pequawket Lodges.

The charter members were Edgar McAllaster, David Coffin, I. E. Stover, Otis Andrews, and A. K. M. Pottle.

Whole number initiated,	111
Number of brothers relieved.	43
Number of widowed families relieved,	3
Total relief,	\$480.15
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	107
Invested fund " "	1.779.00

Beacon Lodge, No. 67.

Beacon Lodge, No. 67, was instituted at Portland November 7, 1872, by D. W. Babb, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers. The charter members were Orin B. Whitten, Franklia H. Morse, Israel Hicks, Charles L. Jack, Henry S. Trickey, J. H. Wentworth, Abel H. Sawyer, George C. Frye, Josiah H. Drummond, H. H. Lowell, George F. Junkins, J. N. Martin, Gustav Schumacher, I. T. Wyer, George A. Barstow, H. P. Ingalls, A. R. Doten, A. W. Coombs, William Ross, Jr., F. A. Gage, Reuel Small, M. L. Smith, S. C. Fernald, Emmons Chapman, Albroy E. Chase, Wodin G. Norris, Charles E. Webster, James A. Conley, George H. Walden, George Simonton, A. Q. Leach, F. A. Smith, J. P. Hobbs, Henry P. Merrill, George R. Shaw, George Trefethen, Charles B. Tolford, F. H. Cushing, F. H. Swett, C. C. Bedlow, J. F. Randall, C. R. F. Schumacher, A. G. Schlotterbeck, E. A. Howe, S. H. Doten, A. C. Waite, A. S. Quincy, Nathan Cleaves.

Officers were installed as follows :

O. B. Whitten, N. G., Nathan Cleaves, V. G., A. E. Chase, Secretary, F. H. Morse, Treasurer. The charter members were

composed of sixteen from each of Maine, Ancient Brothers, and Ligonía Lodges. These Lodges each made a donation to Beacon Lodge, of the proportionate share of the charter members in their respective funds, besides giving it an equal ownership in the property held in common, and the rent of the Lodge room one year.

Whole number initiated,	217
Number of brothers relieved,	74
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$2,119.90
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	275
Invested fund, " " " "	\$12,014.96

Fairfield Lodge, No. 68.

Fairfield Lodge, No. 68, was instituted at Fairfield, January 9, 1872, by G. A. Callahan, D. G. Master. The charter members were H. G. Wyman, E. C. Low, William H. Emery, E. H. Evans, Randall Andrews, and D. B. Randall.

Whole number initiated,	88
Number of brothers relieved,	13
Total relief,	\$53.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	99
Invested fund, " " " "	\$600.00

Friendship Lodge, No. 69.

Friendship Lodge, No. 69, was instituted at Springvale, by D. W. Babb, Grand Master, assisted by O. B. Whitten, Grand Secretary, and delegates from Portland, Saccarappa, and Kennebunk. The charter members were George E. Allen, William A. Allen, Alonzo A. Hurd, Gilbert G. Littlefield, Freeman E. Trafton, Joseph W. Frye, William Smythe, A. K. S. Bedell, and Ivory Brooks.

Whole number initiated,	108
Number of brothers relieved,	19
Number of brothers buried,	2
Total relief,	\$664.86
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	114
Invested fund, " " " "	\$1,193.87

Asylum Lodge, No. 70.

Asylum Lodge, No. 70, was instituted at Augusta, April 18, 1873, by G. A. Callahan, Grand Master, assisted by C. C. Frost, Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*, N. S. Morse, Grand Warden, *pro tem.*, N. G. Cummings, Grand Secretary, S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer, C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain, W. E. Pressey, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.* The charter members were David Cargill, John W. Toward, Mark Harden, Josiah S. Hobbs, and E. R. Emerson.

The following officers were installed :

David Cargill, N. G., J. W. Toward, V. G., Mark Harden, Secretary, J. S. Hobbs, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	53
Number of brothers relieved,	7
Total relief,	\$99.60
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	58
Invested fund, " "	\$149.06

Arambec Lodge, No. 71.

Arambec Lodge, No. 71, was instituted at Wiscasset, July 1, 1873, by G. A. Callahan, Grand Master, assisted by N. G. Cummings, Grand Secretary, S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer, and others. The charter members were Joseph Wood, L. W. Gibbs, W. W. Elmes, R. T. Rundlett, and George Hilton.

Officers were installed as follows :

Joseph Wood, N. G., W. W. Elmes, V. G., Richard T. Rundlett, Secretary, Lincoln W. Gibbs, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	65
Number of brothers relieved,	6
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$170.50
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	67
Invested fund, " "	\$580.17

Riverside Lodge, No. 72.

Riverside Lodge No. 72, was instituted at Kittery, August 21, 1873, by O. B. Whitten, Grand Master assisted by Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer, and P. G. Masters, J. E. Haseltine, and C. K. Ladd. The charter members were Charles Chickering, George Manent, Frank L. Berry, William W. Locke, John B. Trefethen, Thomas R. Wilson, Jacob Joy, Daniel P. Riley, Samuel A. Jackson, George O. Wilson, and John C. Burnham.

Officers were installed as follows :

Charles Chickering, N. G., George Manent, V. G., Frank L. Berry, Secretary, William W. Locke, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	159
Number of members relieved,	54
Number of widowed families relieved,	1
Total relief,	\$1,220.93
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	179
Invested fund, " "	\$3,261.43

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 73.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 73, was instituted at Lewiston, September 26, 1873, by O. B. Whitten, G. M., assisted by Joshua Davis, G. Secretary, Israel Hicks, G. I. Guardian, and C. H. Blake, G. Chaplain.

The charter members were George A. Callahan, W. F. Garcelon, George A. Drew, Ai Brooks, George W. Maxfield, T. W. Murch, Samuel O. Wood, S. W. Cook, M. C. Wedgewood, T. A. Eastman, E. J. Atwood, Fred A. Hall, Isaac H. Estes, A. D. Cook, A. S. Melcher, and Edwin Wakefield.

Officers were installed as follows :

Ai Brooks, N. G., S. W. Cook, V. G., S. O. Wood, Secretary, L. C. Peck, Treasurer, F. A. Hall, Per't Secretary.

Whole number initiated,	113
Number of brothers relieved,	12
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	136
Invested fund, " "	\$1991.32

Mount Abram Lodge, No. 31.

Mount Abram Lodge, No. 31, was instituted at Bethel, October 3, 1873, by O. B. Whitten, Grand Master, assisted by brothers from Portland, Bridgton, and Lovell.

The charter members were A. M. True, J. T. Chapman, R. Q. Lurvey, E. W. Scribner, J. F. Pressey, Clifton Jones, and O. D. Clough.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

A. M. True, N. G., J. T. Chapman, V. G., R. Q. Lurvey, Secretary, H. W. Gage, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	113
Number of brothers relieved,	6
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$133.00
Number of members December 31, 1876,	98
Invested fund, " "	\$620.75

Granite Lodge, No. 14.

Granite Lodge, No. 14, was instituted at Biddeford, February 6, 1874, by O. B. Whitten, Grand Master, assisted by Past Grands, Charles H. Rich, Israel Hicks, Addison Frye, and others.

The charter members were James M. Andrews, Silas P. Adams, William A. Woods, Jere Goldsborough, O. S. Whitney, James F. Farr, Edwin Woodman, James Andrews, Willett Andrews, and Samuel Leach.

Officers were installed as follows :

James M. Andrews, N. G., Willett Andrews, V. G., William A. Woods, R. S., O. S. Whitney, P. S., Jere Goldsborough, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	123
Number of brothers relieved,	11
Number of widowed families relieved,	1
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$332.67
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	116
Invested fund, " "	\$1,759.17

Sabattus River Lodge, No. 21.

Sabattus River Lodge, No. 21, was instituted at Lisbon, March 17, 1874, by O. B. Whitten, Grand Master, assisted by W. F. Garcelon, Grand Warden, Israel Hicks, Grand Guardian, and G. A. Callahan, P. G. M.

The charter members were A. Callahan, E. M. Shaw, F. H. Amback, Charles Keopka, G. L. Stowe, John Marsden, and J. M. Corbett.

Officers were installed as follows :

E. M. Shaw, N. G., F. H. Amback, V. G., William Sheehan, Secretary, J. M. Corbett, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	42
Number of brothers relieved,	12
Number of brothers buried,	1
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	45
Invested fund, " "	\$507.56

Gardiner Lodge, No. 9.

Gardiner Lodge, No. 9, was instituted at Gardiner, June 10, 1874, by O. B. Whitten, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers.

The charter members were Frank H. Baker, S. K. Weymouth, Amos Baker, J. M. Smith, A. J. Hooker, F. A. Nudd, G. M. Wentworth, A. K. P. Strout, M. S. Wadsworth, and George A. Oliver.

Officers were installed as follows :

M. S. Wadsworth, N. G., A. K. P. Strout, V. G., F. H. Baker, Secretary, C. H. Partridge, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	43
Number of brothers relieved,	2
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$52.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	59
Invested fund " "	\$146.75

Norway Lodge, No. 16.

Norway Lodge, No. 16, was instituted at Norway, August 12, 1874, by O. B. Whitten, Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers.

The charter members were John L. Horne, M. M. Fuller, James Danforth, George A. Cole, William H. Jewett, Horace Cole, O. M. Cummings, A. E. Dennison, C. M. Smith, S. F. Sargent, O. A. Bradbury, A. G. Charles, A. J. Rowe, S. G. Hatch, H. C. Oxnard, W. H. Whitcomb, E. C. Andrews, J. A. Dennison, H. M. Bean, F. H. Sargent, G. P. Rowe, C. E. Evans, Joseph Churchill, A. B. Crockett.

Officers were installed as follows :

A. E. Dennison, N. G., H. M. Bearce, V. G., A. J. Rowe, Secretary, E. C. Andrews, Treasurer, W. H. Whitcomb, Permanent Secretary.

Whole number initiated,	78
Number of brothers relieved,	13
Number of brothers buried,	3
Total relief,	\$216.75
Number of Members Dec. 31, 1876,	95
Invested fund,	\$1,124.95

Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17.

Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, was instituted at South Paris, July 9, 1874, by O. B. Whitten, Grand Master, assisted by S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer, C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain, and other Past Grands.

The charter members were William J. Wheeler, Isaac Rounds, W. K. Shurtleff, N. D. Bolster, C. M. Morgan, C. E. Richardson, Charles Morse, R. F. Doten, J. H. Dunham, J. C. Perry, and L. S. Billings.

Officers were installed as follows :

William J. Wheeler, N. G., R. F. Doten, V. G., N. D. Bolster, Secretary, J. H. Dunham, Treasurer, H. Smith, Permanent Secretary.

Whole number initiated,	72
Number of brothers relieved,	16
Total relief,	\$289.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	78
Invested fund, " "	\$1,156.34

Good Cheer Lodge, No. 37.

Good Cheer Lodge, No. 37, was instituted at Guilford, September, 24, 1874, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, G. Secretary, E. A. Buck, G. Marshal, and others.

The charter members were George W. Pratt, Charles Foss, John F. Sprague, Edward Savanton, C. P. Cass, J. C. Bishop, and T. H. Brown.

Officers for the term commencing January 1, 1875.

G. W. Pratt, N. G., A. W. Ellis, V. G., E. T. Pond, Secretary,
M. L. Hussey, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	70
Number of brothers relieved,	9
Total relief,	\$190.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	79
Invested fund, " "	\$652.62

Crescent Lodge, No. 25.

Crescent Lodge, No. 25, was instituted at North Lovell, October 16, 1874, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, S. K. Dyer Grand Treasurer, E. A. Buck, Grand Marshal, and Past Grands, Read, McAllaster, Blake, Littlefield, and others.

The charter members were George M. Harriman, Benjamin Palmer, John C. Sawyer, William Hazeltine, U. G. Palmer, E. Wesley Hill, H. C. McKeen, and S. C. McAllaster.

Officers were installed as follows :

E. W. Hill, N. G., G. N. Harriman, V. G., G. W. Spears, Sec-

retary, S. C. McAllaster, Treasurer, C. E. Clark, Permanent Secretary.

Whole number initiated,	45
Number of brothers relieved,	4
Number of brothers buried,	2
Total relief,	\$49.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	50
Invested fund, " "	\$127.00

Monami Lodge, No. 40.

Monami Lodge, No. 40, was instituted at Mechanic Falls, November 20, 1874, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, S. K. Dyer, G. Treasurer, E. A. Buck, Grand Marshal, E. McAllaster, G. Herald, H. P. Cox, G. Guardian, and others.

The charter members were George L. Reed, William Whitney, Alvin Reed, Frank A. Miller, C. H. Dwinal, and D. N. McCann.

Officers were installed as follows :

Alvin Reed, N. G., D. N. McCann, V. G., George L. Reed, Secretary, William Whitney, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	102
Number of widowed families relieved,	11
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$185.00
Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876,	112
Invested fund, " "	\$2,042.41

Star of Hope Lodge, No. 42.

Star of Hope Lodge, No. 42, was instituted at Vinal Haven, Nov. 23, 1874, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, and others.

The charter members were Martin H. Kiff, John A. Miller, John Low, William H. Johnson, and A. A. Beaton.

Officers were installed as follows :

A. A. Beaton, N. G., John Lowe, V. G., M. T. Fitzsimmonds,
Secretary, John A. Miller, Treasurer.

Whole number initiated,	45
Number of brothers relieved,	4
Number of brothers buried,	2
Total relief,	\$513.40
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	73
Invested fund, " "	\$49.00

Eagle Lodge, No. 47.

Eagle Lodge, No. 47, was instituted at North Berwick, January 20, 1875, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by E. P. Parcher, D. G. M., Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, H. P. Cox, G. Guardian, and others.

The charter members were Samuel H. Littlefield, L. B. Grant, George E. Littlefield, Howard S. Hall, C. W. Littlefield, and W. H. Littlefield.

Whole number initiated,	81
Number of brothers relieved,	7
Total relief,	\$56.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	66
Invested fund, " "	\$434.51

Highland Lodge, No. 48.

Highland Lodge, No. 48, was instituted at Limerick, January 21, 1875, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master assisted by E. P. Parcher, Deputy Grand Master, and others.

The charter members were Ira S. Libby, R. B. Billings, Edwin Cobb, William W. Mason, Joseph Dudley, Joseph Chadbourne, J. B. Gilpatrick, C. B. Hill, E. H. Townsend, and E. Hanson.

Whole number initiated,	37
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	46
Invested fund, " "	\$220.00

Mariners Lodge, No. 53.

Mariners Lodge, Fo. 53, was instituted at Bristol, March 11, 1875, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, S. G. Hills, D. D. G. Master, and others.

The charter members were J. E. Nichols, Leander Morton, M. P. Rhodes, J. A. Keen, W. C. Thompson, Alex. Thompson, Jr., George W. Hinds, and J. H. Murphy.

Whole number initiated,	.	.	.	.	.	20
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	.	.	.	.	.	28
Invested fund,	"	"	.	.	.	\$416.53

Oxford Lodge, No. 61.

Oxford Lodge, No. 61, was instituted at North Waterford, March 24, 1875, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by B. C. Stone, Grand Warden, Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, and others.

The charter members were H. M. Fiske, N. D. Faunce, H. P. Elliott, Jonathan Bartlett, George W. Woodbury, E. E. Woodworth, J. L. Beckler, Sylvester Abbott, D. G. Brackett, F. M. Mosher, T. L. Proctor, Aaron Page, and E. M. Bartlett.

Whole number initiated,	.	.	.	.	.	41
Number of brothers relieved,	.	.	.	.	.	9
Number of brothers buried,	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total relief	.	.	.	.	.	\$246.00
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	.	.	.	.	.	54

About Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 23.

About Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 23, was instituted at Auburn, March 30, 1875, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, H. P. Cox, G. Guardian, Hiram Snow, D. D. G. M., and others.

The charter members were Isaac A. Johnson, John D. Johnson, Henry L. Johnson, Enoch Perkins, George F. Stetson, G. B. Briggs, C. M. Landers, N. D. Donovan, M. W. Penley, C. S. Yeaton, J. F. Cook, G. E. Cook, C. A. Merrill, N. H. Landers, E. C. Noyes, L. N. Reynolds, George H. Glover, H. E. Penley, Henry A. Noyes, Phillip Briggs, and A. W. Swett.

Whole number initiated,	79
Number of brothers relieved,	12
Number of widowed families relieved,	1
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$243.30
Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876,	86
Invested fund, " "	678.11

Saco Valley Lodge, No. 43.

Saco Valley Lodge, No. 43, was instituted at West Buxton, June 9, 1875, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by E. P. Parcher, D. G. Master, Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer, and others.

The charter members were, J. Burnham Davis, Wm. Scott, Thomas Bradbury, Jr., T. T. Graham, A. H. Barnes, Howard F. Hill, Jr., R. Pollock, John Sullivan, Christopher Scott, Jr., James Luke, E. Bragdon, and George Dockman.

Whole number initiated,	94
Number of brothers relieved,	9
Number of widowed families relieved,	9
Total relief,	\$106.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	73
Invested fund, " "	\$6970.1

Fryeburg Ldge, No. 49.

Fryeburg Lodge, No. 49, was instituted at Fryeburg, July 17, 1875, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by B. C. Stone, G. Warden, Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, and others.

The charter members were, Chas. Waterhouse, Jr., Charles Chandler, D. M. Brenin, D. G. Brackett, Samuel Knox, F. F. Hutchins, W. W. Walker, Dexter Charles, H. D. Hutchins, G. H. Walker, Byron E. Hutchins, M. Q. Berrin, A. P. Gordon, C. W. Pike, U. R. Hardy, B. E. Charles, S. H. Chandler, W. B. Hutchins, J. H. Hardy.

Officers were installed as follows :

Charles Waterhouse, Jr., N. G., H. D. Hutchins, V. G., Samuel Knox, Secretary.

Whole number initiated,	41
Number of brothers relieved,	9
Total relief,	\$176.40
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	63

Belfast Lodge, No. 41.

Belfast Lodge, No. 41, was instituted at Belfast, August 4, 1874, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, G. Secretary, E. A. Buck, G. Marshal, and others.

The charter members were, Wm. W. Castle, F. A. Follett, A. R. Carter, C. J. Gray, J. B. Smith, and E. A. Staples.

Whole number initiated,	76
Number of brothers relieved,	3
Total relief,	\$60.00
Number of members, December 31, 1876,	82
Invested fund, " "	\$1,392.51

Knox Lodge, No. 29.

Knox Lodge, No. 29, was instituted at Rockland, August 5, 1875, by F. M. Laughton, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, G. Secretary, E. A. Buck, Grand Marshal, S. G. Hills, D. D. G. Master, and others.

The charter members were, J. W. Smalley, C. A. Libby, G. O. Payson, G. H. Dunton, and R. H. Burpee.

Whole number initiated,	19
Number of brothers relieved,	1
Total relief,	\$2.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	26

Echo Lodge, No. 52.

Echo Lodge, No. 52, was instituted at Berwick, January 14, 1876, by B. C. Stone, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, D. W. Nash, Grand Treasurer, Frank L. Berry, D. D. G. Master, and others.

The charter members were, J. E. Lord, H. H. Rich, C. C. Wentworth, John C. Hurd, A. B. Spencer, C. H. Horne, J. H. Stillings, James L. Stone, Nahum Hurd, Frank Wellingford, F. P. Goodrich, B. C. Clark, Darius Blake, Leander Babb, Ephraim Morrell, B. F. Stanley, C. M. Guptill, L. K. Brackett, C. H. Worster, Horace B. Ford, Wm. F. Libby, C. M. Hubbard, B. F. Bragdon, Charles Bragdon, J. W. Babb, G. W. McGrilley, H. J. Austin, John E. Frost, James A. Winn, W. L. Goodrich, G. W. Stillings, and Hollis Guptill.

Whole number initiated,	27
Number of brothers relieved,	2
Number of brothers buried,	1
Total relief,	\$66.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	60
Invested fund, " "	\$727.00

West Paris Lodge, No. 15.

West Paris Lodge, No. 15, was instituted at West Paris, March 15, 1876, by B. C. Stone, Grand Master, assisted by Joshua Davis, G. Secretary, D. W. Nash, G. Treasurer, and others.

The charter members were, C. M. Morgan, A. C. Curtis, E. D. Andrews, J. H. Dunham, Hannibal Curtis, A. J. Townsend, L. D. Stacy, W. W. Dunham, W. C. Mooney, T. R. Chase, A. Judson

Curtis, Alonzo Felt, G. G. Dow, A. S. Curtis, S. B. Curtis, Leroy Benson, James Bradford, P. B. Warren, Daniel Day, J. W. Andrews, A. D. Bryant, C. D. Fickett, L. E. Gilman, Seth Benson, H. Starbird, and G. W. Bryant.

Whole number initiated,	44
Number of brothers relieved,	2
Total relief,	\$64.00
Number of members Dec. 31, 1876,	73
Invested fund, " "	\$245.73

Degree Lodges.

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge, held in May, 1844, the following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That it is expedient for this Grand Lodge to grant charters for the organization of Degree Lodges, upon petition duly authorized by vote of such Lodges as may be desirous of uniting for the purpose of conferring degrees, and that the sum charged for such charters shall be ten dollars, to be paid to the Grand Lodge.

Union Degree Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Bangor, in 1845. Union Degree Lodge, No. 2, was instituted at Augusta, the same year. Neither of these Lodges ever made any report to the Grand Lodge. In 1848, a committee to whom the subject of Degree Lodges, had been referred, reported to the Grand Lodge, as follows :

"That in the opinion of your committee, it is inexpedient for the Grand Lodge to grant charters for Degree Lodges, and would recommend that the Degree Lodges now holding charters be permitted to surrender the same to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master."

The report was adopted. No further action has been taken in the matter.

Degree Lodges—Daughters of Rebekah.

Naomi Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at Saccarappa, in 1869. The following Lodges were instituted in 1870 : Saco Lodge, No. 2, at Saco ; Esther Lodge, No. 3, at Biddeford ; Fidelity Lodge, No. 4, at Lewiston.

Ivy Lodge, No. 3, was instituted at Portland, October, 1871, with 75 charter members. The number of this Lodge was subsequently change to No. 5. In 1873, Judith Lodge No. 6, was instituted at Lovell, and Evangeline Lodge, No. 7, at Bridgton. Ray of Hope Lodge, No. 8, was instituted at North Berwick, Nov. 17, 1875, with 29 charter members ; Charity Lodge, No. 9, was instituted at Norway, Jan. 18, 1876, with 20 charter members ; Aurora Lodge, No. 10, was instituted at Belfast, April 26, 1876, with 48 charter members ; Myrtle Lodge, No. 11, was instituted at Vinalhaven, June 30, 1876, with 31 charter members ; Julian Lodge, No. 12, was instituted at Fryeburg Centre, July 6, 1876, with 33 charter members.

HISTORY

OF

ODD FELLOWSHIP IN MAINE.

GRAND LODGE.

The first organization of a Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in Maine, took place on the 18th of March, 1844, in Portland.

The meeting was called to order by George W. Churchill, District Deputy Grand Sire, who after stating the object, authorized brother Albert Guild, District Deputy Grand Sire of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, to officiate at the organization of the Grand Lodge.

The petitioners for the dispensation then answered to their names, as follows :

DAVID ROBINSON, JR., of Maine Lodge, No. 1.	
JAMES N. WINSLOW, “ “ “ “ “	
GEORGE W. CHURCHILL, Saco “ “ 2.	
GEORGE W. WARREN, “ “ “ “ “	
JAMES SMITH, “ “ “ “ “	
LUCIUS H. CHANDLER, “ Georgian “ “ 3.	
EDWARD P. BANKS, “ Anc't Bros. “ 4.	
JOHN D. KINSMAN, “ Ligonia “ “ 5.	

The dispensation was then read and the Grand Lodge declared duly organized.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result :

GEORGE W. CHURCHILL, Grand Master.

LUCIUS H. CHANDLER, Deputy Grand Master.

JAMES SMITH, Grand Warden.

DAVID ROBINSON, JR., Grand Secretary.

J. N. WINSLOW, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Past Grand Edward P. Banks, was appointed Grand Marshal, and Past Grand, George W. Warren, was appointed Grand Guardian. District Deputy Grand Sire Guild, then delivered the charges, and administered the obligations to the officers elect, after which they were inducted into their respective chairs.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 5 o'clock, P. M.

On re-assembling the side degrees were conferred upon the members of the Grand Lodge.

The constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, were adopted for the government of the Grand Lodge, until otherwise ordered.

A committee, consisting of Past Grands, Kinsman, Smith and Banks, were appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws.

Past Grands Winslow, Banks, Warren and Churchill, were appointed a committee to draft a constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

These committees were requested to report at the quarterly session in May.

Voted, That the annual term of this R. W. Grand Lodge commence on the first Thursday in August.

On motion of Past Grand Banks, it was

Voted, That new Lodges which are organized on that portion of the term, when

a majority of the time has expired shall continue its present officers into so much of the next term as will allow of their serving seven regular weeks in their respective chairs, and the next succeeding elected officers, shall fill up the remainder of the term; this regulation to apply only to the two terms.

Adjourned to meet at a quarter past seven o'clock. Upon re-assembling it was voted to pay D. D. Grand Sire Guild, twelve dollars for his services; also, that the Grand Secretary, be authorized to hire one hundred dollars for the Grand Lodge, and give a note for one year for the same.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, April 10, 1844.

Present—George W. Churchill, Grand Master; James Smith, Grand Warden; David Robinson, Jr., Grand Secretary; Edward P. Banks, Grand Marshal, and Past Grand John D. Kinsman, Rep., from Ligonía Lodge, No. 5.

The Grand Lodge degree was conferred on the following Past Grands, viz.:

J. G. Sawyer, of Sabattus Lodge, No. 6; T. O. Goold, of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4; T. C. Hersey, of Ligonía Lodge, No. 5, and E. Wheeler, Jr., of Maine Lodge, No. 1.

T. C. Hersey, was appointed Grand Conductor.

J. G. Sawyer, was appointed Grand Guardian.

A communication from Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Past Grands Banks, Hersey and Wheeler.

Past Grands Robinson, Wheeler, Goold and Kinsman, were appointed a committee to procure a seal for the Grand Lodge.

Voted, That members of this Grand Lodge be allowed to wear Past Grands or Encampment Regalia. The Grand Secretary was directed to notify Subordinate Lodges, that a constitution for their government will be adopted in May.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

PORTLAND, May 2, 1844.

Present—George W. Churchill, Grand Master ; James Smith, Grand Warden ; David Robinson, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Marshal ; J. G. Sawyer, Grand Guardian ; and representatives from two Lodges.

The Grand Conductor resigned his office, and Past Grand T. O. Goold, was appointed to fill the vacancy. The Deputy Grand Master being absent, Past Grand T. C. Hersey, was appointed Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem*.

Certificates of election were presented and referred to the committee on elections and returns, who reported that the following brothers were duly elected Representatives to the Grand Lodge, for the remainder of the year :

George Prince, of Georgian Lodge, No. 3.

Edward S. J. Neally, Jr., of Lincoln Lodge, No. 10.

The committee on elections and returns, reported that the Representative from Penobscot Lodge, No. 7, appeared without his credentials.

After some explanation from the Grand Master, (stating that the Representative expected his credentials by mail,) it was

Voted, That Past Grand S. Thatcher, Jr., be allowed to take a seat in this Grand Lodge, as Representative from Penobscot Lodge, No. 7, provided, that in future no Representative be allowed to take his seat without first presenting his credentials in due form.

The Grand Master submitted his first quarterly communication. He congratulated the Representatives "upon the increasing and prosperous condition of the Order throughout the whole of our jurisdiction." He called attention to the almost unparalled degree of health which had prevailed ; not a single death had occurred among the members since the first establishment of the Order in this State.

He called attention to a degree of obscurity, which seemed to exist upon the subject of balloting for members, and recommended

that points should be more clearly defined ; whether a Lodge can re-consider a ballot ; under what circumstances, if any, a ballot may be set aside ; and whether a Lodge is bound to recognize notices of rejection from other Lodges, in cases where it is not specified whether the rejection is made upon constitutional objections. He recommended that in the constitution for Subordinates, a special provision be made for the accumulation of a widow and orphan fund.

He suggested that it would be expedient to have all traveling cards and cards of clearance issued by the Grand Lodge ; also, whether it may not be practicable to confine the use of Lodge seals to official documents only. He recommended that regular charters from this Grand Lodge be issued to such Lodges as are working under dispensations from the Grand Lodge of the United States. He urged the necessity of the most rigid economy, and that the Grand Lodge should be exceedingly cautious in expenditures, and not get involved in debt which, at some future time, can only be liquidated by onerous taxes upon Subordinates.

Charters were granted to Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, located at Saccarappa Village, Westbrook ; Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 12, located at Bangor ; Pejepscot Lodge, No. 13, at Brunswick.

Permission was granted to Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, to have a public procession on the fourth of July next, and to Maine Lodge, No. 1, to have a public procession August 1st. It was

Voted, That any Lodge may have a public procession during the recess of the Grand Lodge, by consent of the Most Worthy Grand Master.

Past Grand E. P. Banks, from the committee appointed at the special session to whom were referred the Resolves from Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, reported progress, and requested time for further consideration, which was granted.

The following are the resolutions referred to :

SABATTIS LODGE, No. 6, AUGUSTA, APRIL 9, 1844.

Whereas, It should be the effort of every good Odd Fellow, both by precept and example, in every position to which he may be called by the voice of the *Independent Order of Odd Fellows* in the State, to use his utmost exertion for the

promotion of such principles as shall elevate the character and best promote the welfare of the Order within the precincts to which he may be attached, therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of the members of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., it should be the duty of such past officers as shall be called to constitute the Grand Lodge of the Order in this State, to use every method consistent with the maintenance of the true dignity of Odd Fellowship, to conduct the fiscal affairs of the Grand Lodge of Maine, in such manner as shall allow the general receipts of all the Subordinate Lodges in this State, to enure to such purposes, and in such way, as shall best enable said Lodges to perform their charitable pledges for the relief of their distressed and afflicted brethren.

Resolved, That the true object of a State Grand Lodge, should be to lessen the exactions heretofore required by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and cause to revert to their natural channels, all the receipts of the Subordinate Lodges in this State.

Resolved, That the members of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, are willing to contribute of their receipts for the support of the Grand Lodge in this State, five per cent. of all initiation fees and ten cents for each Degree that shall hereafter be conferred by this Lodge; but that they will exert themselves to the utmost with every Lodge in this State, to counteract every extravagance which cannot be sustained by the before mentioned tribute.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed or written, the requisite number of these resolves, to supply each Lodge in this State with a copy, and, also, that our Past Grand cause the same to be laid before the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Read and passed.

Attest:

BENJAMIN A. G. FULLER,
Secretary.

Past Grand G. Prince, from Georgian Lodge, No. 3, stated that his Lodge concurred in the sentiments expressed in the above resolves.

Representatives from Lodges No's. 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7, stated that the resolves from Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, were laid on the table in their several Lodges.

Past Grand J. Smith, from Saco Lodge, No. 2, presented the following resolutions, which were read and placed on file.

SACO LODGE, No. 2, SACO, May 2, 1844.

To the Most Worthy Officers and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Brothers: A communication from Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, respecting the percentage of quarterly dues and initiation fees, &c., has been received, and the following action taken:

Whereas, It is known that the percentage of the subordinate Lodges due the Grand Lodge of the United States is a subject over which the Grand Lodge of this State has no control whatever, therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of the members of this Lodge, the time has not arrived for any action to be had by the subordinate Lodges, in regard to the above mentioned percentage.

Resolved, That we consider it no more than acting in good faith towards the members of the Grand Lodge of this State, to allow them a reasonable time to ascertain what the wants of the Grand Lodge will be before we ask them to reduce the dues from subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That our Secretary transmit a copy of these resolutions to Sabattis Lodge, and cause the same to be laid before the Grand Lodge of this State.

A true copy.

Attest :

JONATHAN W. WARD,
Secretary, pro tem.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 7 o'clock.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The regular officers, except the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Treasurer.

Past Grand T. C. Hersey was appointed Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*

The Grand Secretary was directed to purchase one copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the use of this Grand Lodge.

The constitution, by-laws and rules of order as reported by the committee, were then taken up and acted upon by sections, and after considerable discussion and several amendments, adopted.

Past Grand J. G. Sawyer of No. 6, gave notice that he should move to amend Art. 5, sec. 2, of the law of the Grand Lodge by striking out the words "such per centum as the Grand Lodge may require," and inserting instead thereof the words five per cent. on all amounts received for initiations, and ten cents on each degree."

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 10 o'clock of the next day.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian and representatives from three Lodges.

Past Grand T. C. Hersey was appointed Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.* and Past Grand S. Thacher, Jr., was appointed Grand Warden, *pro tem.*

The report of the committee on a constitution for the government of subordinate Lodges was read and acted upon by sections.

Past Grand G. Prince, representative from No. 3, moved to amend Art. 2, sec.1, clause 1, by striking out the following words.

“A Supreme Being, Creator, Preserver and Governor of all things.” A vote by representation was called for, and the result was as follows, viz :

Yeas—Georgian, No. 3, 1. Total, 1. Nays—Maine, No. 1, 1 ; Saco, No. 2, 1 ; Ancient Brothers, No. 4, 1 ; Ligonias, No. 5, 1 ; Sabattis, No. 6, 1 ; Penobscot, No. 7, 1 ; Lincoln, No. 10, 1. Total 7.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

MAY 3, 2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The same officers as at the morning session.

Proceeded to the consideration of the constitution for the government of subordinate Lodges, which, after some discussion and several amendments, was adopted.

Past Grand G. Prince, gave notice that he should at the next meeting make a motion to amend Art. 2, sec. 1 of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, by adding the following words, “and their travelling and other incidental expenses be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.”

[This refers to the Representatives to the Grand Lodge.]

Past Grands Nealley, Thatcher and Prince were appointed a

committee for the purpose of dividing the State into districts, and report at the next session.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2½ P. M., July 31st.

PORTLAND, JULY 31, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment.

Present—The Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and a representation from three Lodges.

There not being a quorum present, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 6 o'clock, P. M.

6 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment.

On the roll being called the following representatives answered to their names :

G. W. Churchill, D. Robinson, Jr., S. Thatcher, Jr., T. O. Gould and E. P. Banks.

There not being a quorum present, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., August 1st.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 1, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—George W. Churchill, Grand Master, D. Robinson, Jr., Grand Secretary, J. N. Winslow, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master appointed S. Thatcher, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.* ; E. S. J. Nealley, Grand Warden, *pro tem.* ; and E. Wheeler, Jr., Grand Guardian, *pro tem.*

The committee on resolves from Sabattis Lodge, No 6, and Saco Lodge, No. 2, submitted the following report, which was referred to the next regular session :

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE, I. O. O. F.

Portland, July 31st, 1844.

The special committee to whom was referred the communication and resolves

from Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, and Saco Lodge, No. 2, have had the subject under consideration, and ask leave to report :

- That they fully concur with the sentiments expressed from No. 6, viz : that the fiscal affairs of this Grand Lodge should be conducted in such a manner as to allow the receipts of subordinate Lodges to enure to such purposes and in such ways as shall enable them to perform their charitable pledges."

Your committee are fully aware of the necessity of adopting this course of policy. They would, however, beg leave to present to this body, and to the order generally, the following statement of our present liabilities—an estimate of the expenses of the current year, together with a statement of our present and prospective ability to meet these demands. The Grand Lodge can then determine as to the correctness of the conclusions to which the committee have arrived.

STATEMENT OF OUR PRESENT LIABILITIES.

Due Maine Lodge, money loaned,	\$100.00
Six months interest on the same,	3.00
Six months salary of Grand Secretary,	25.00
Printing reports, Constitution, &c.,	70.25
Binding " "	6.63
Six months rent of hall for use of Grand Lodge,	5.00
J. N. Winslow,	2.87
Grand Master for Postage,	4.02
Grand Secretary, for Stationery, Postage, &c.,	42.59
Sundries,	9.62
Total amount of liabilities,	<u>\$268.98</u>

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Grand Secretary's salary,	50.00
Two Grand Representatives to Grand Lodge of United States, \$35.00 each,	70.00
Two votes in the Grand Lodge of United States, \$20.00 each,	40.00
Printing Reports, Stationery, &c.,	100.00
Rent,	25.00
Sundries,	10.00
Total amount for the year,	<u>\$295.00</u>
In all amounting to,	<u>\$563.98</u>
To meet this amount there is now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer,	187.79
Leaving a deficit to be provided for by the Grand Lodge of,	<u>376.19</u>
	\$563.98

Another item, which will be attended with some expense to the Grand Lodge, will be the procuring a charter for subordinates. The committee to whom that

subject was referred, will lay before you the result of their deliberations ; and if the Grand Lodge adopt the suggestion of that committee, at least one hundred dollars will have to be provided for. Again, there is now a proposition before the Grand Lodge, to pay the traveling and other incidental expenses of its members. Should this amendment be adopted, no one can fail to perceive that the receipts of the Grand Lodge must be very materially augmented, in order to meet this new call upon the funds.

There are but two sources to which we can look for means to meet these demands upon the treasury of the Grand Lodge, both of which are uncertain as to the amount of aid they will afford. The first is the amount of aid which may be received from new charters, at thirty dollars each ; the second is the amount which may be received from subordinate Lodges, as percentage upon their receipts. Your committee in view of the whole subject, would recommend, that for the present year, subordinate Lodges be required to pay 10 per cent. of their receipts to the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted

EDWARD P. BANKS,
EDWARD WHEELER, JR.,
Committee.

The committee on procuring a Seal for the Grand Lodge, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them. The report was accepted and the seal was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST, 1ST, 1844.

The Grand Lodge convened and was opened in due form.

Present—The Grand Master and Grand Secretary, and a representation from five Lodges.

Certificates of election of representatives to the Grand Lodge, to serve until the annual session in August, 1845, were presented from the following Lodges, and found to be correct :

Maine No. 1, D. Robinson, Jr., J. N. Winslow, E. Wheeler, Jr., James Pratt ; Saco, No. 2, G. W. Churchill, J. Smith, S. Webster ; Ancient Brothers, No. 4, E. P. Banks, B. Kingsbury, Jr. ; Ligon, No. 5, Rufus Read ; Sabattus, No. 6, William R. Smith ; Penobscot, No. 7, S. Thatcher, Tr. ; Relief, No. 8, N. C. Fletcher ;

Lincoln, No. 10, E. S. J. Nealley, N. Walker ; Cushnoc, No. 14, William B. Hartwell.

The Representatives in waiting were then introduced, duly qualified and took their seats as representatives from the following Lodges, viz.

Maine, No. 1, J. Pratt ; Saco, No. 2, S. Webster ; Ancient Brothers, No. 4, B. Kingsbury, Jr. ; Ligonias, No. 5, R. Read ; Sabattis, No. 6, W. R. Smith ; Relief, No. 8, N. C. Fletcher ; Lincoln, No. 10, N. Walker ; Cushnoc, No. 14, William B. Hartwell.

The Grand Master submitted his report, showing the transactions for the year. Five new Lodges had been instituted, three by virtue of charters granted at the last session, and two by dispensation granted by the Grand Master.

Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, was organized by the Grand Secretary, Past Grand David Robinson, Jr., on the 22nd of May. Kenduskeag, No. 12, was organized by Past Grand Samuel Thatcher, Jr., on the 23d of May. Pejepscot, No. 13, was organized by Past Grand Edward S. J. Nealley, on the 13th of June.

Dispensation was granted on the 19th of June for a new Lodge at Augusta, to be hailed as Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14, and the duty of opening and installing the officers was assigned to Past Grand John G. Sawyer.

Dispensation was issued on the 21st of June, authorizing the establishment of a Lodge at Belfast, to be hailed and known as Passagassawakeag Lodge, No. 15 ; and said Lodge was instituted on the 29th of June, by Deputy Grand Master, L. H. Chandler.

He recommended that the power for granting dispensations to open new Lodges, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, be regulated by law, and the powers of the Grand Master be clearly defined. He submitted the propriety of so amending the law and extending its provisions as to enable Lodges to refund, if they should deem it expedient, any portion of money which has been paid by the petitioners for a new Lodge, whenever such Lodge has been es-

tablished. He recommended "that we begin, now, to provide for the establishment of an institution for the education of orphans."

The State was divided into Districts as follows :

First District. The Counties of York and Oxford.

Second District. The County of Cumberland, excepting the towns of Harpswell, Brunswick, Freeport and Durham.

Third District. That portion of the County of Lincoln west of the Sheepscot River, and the towns of Harpswell, Brunswick, Freeport and Durham in Cumberland County.

Fourth District. The Counties of Kennebec, Franklin and Somerset.

Fifth District. The County of Waldo, and that portion of the County of Lincoln East of the Sheepscot River.

Sixth District. The Counties of Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, Washington and Aroostook.

The following officers were elected :

James Pratt, M. W. Grand Master ; E. S. J. Nealley R. W. Deputy Grand Master ; S. Thatcher, Jr., R. W. Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary ; J. N. Winslow, R. W. Grand Treasurer ; N. C. Fletcher, Grand Chaplain.

William R. Smith and George W. Churchill were elected Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in the Scarlet Degree for the purpose of admitting Scarlet members to the installation of officers.

The Grand Officers were then installed.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 8½ o'clock P. M.

8½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge closed in the Scarlet Degree and opened in the usual form.

The report of the committee to whom were referred the resolu-

tions of Sabattis Lodge, was called up and recommitted with instructions.

Charters were granted for Hobomok Lodge, No. 16, to be located at Bath, and Washington Lodge, No. 17, at Hallowell.

The special committee on that subject submitted the following report which was adopted :

That they approve of the suggestions of the Grand Master, and in accordance with this view would propose to amend said section by striking out the words "or between one Lodge and another, that may branch from it" and by adding the following proviso : Provided, however, that any subordinate Lodge may, by a vote of two-thirds of its members present at a regular meeting, refund to any new Lodge branching from it, and formed in another town, such portion of the funds paid in by the members composing the new Lodges, as it may deem expedient.

E. S. J. NEALLEY,
J. N. WINSLOW,
STEPHEN WEBSTER,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge voted to accept the invitation to join in a proposed celebration in Portland on the 23d instant.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 8 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred the resolves of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, and Saco Lodge, No. 2, submitted the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge be required to pay the necessary traveling expenses of one representative from each subordinate Lodge, and also, that the amount of dues from subordinates be ten per cent. on all initiations, (the minimum price for initiation fees to be fixed at \$5,) and ten cents on each Degree conferred. But if, at the expiration of the year, it shall be ascertained that after liquidating all liabilities due from the Grand Lodge, a sum exceeding twenty-five dollars remain in the Treasury, it shall be placed to the credit of each subordinate Lodge, in offset of any portion due, in proportion to the sums they may have contributed.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Seals of the Lodges be used upon official documents only.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge issue regular charters to all those subordinate Lodges who are now acting under dispensations from the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as charters shall be provided.

Resolved, That Lodges that have received charters from the Grand Lodge of the United States, be allowed to exchange the same for a charter from this Grand Lodge.

Charters were granted to Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14, and Passagawakeag Lodge, No. 15.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That it is expedient for this Grand Lodge to grant charters for the organization of Degree Lodges, upon petition duly authorized by vote of such Lodges as may be desirous of uniting for the purpose of conferring degrees, and that the sum charged for such charters shall be ten dollars, to be paid to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That full power be vested in the Most Worthy Grand Master, to fill any vacancy that may occur by resignation or otherwise, in the representation from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their annual meeting in Baltimore in September next.

The Grand Master announced the following nominations of District Deputy Grand Masters which were duly confirmed:

- District No. 1, James Smith, of Saco.
- “ 2, Rufus Read, of Portland.
- “ 3, E. S. J. Nealley, of Bath.
- “ 4, William B. Hartwell, of Augusta.
- “ 5, George Prince, of Thomaston.
- “ 6, Charles Snell, of Bangor.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments :

William R. Smith, Grand Marshal ; M. Quimby, 2d Grand Guardian.

A charter was granted for a new Lodge at Phippsburg.

The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted, by which it appears that he had received \$250 ; paid out \$62.21, and had on hand \$187.79.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

PORTLAND, MAY 1, 1845.

The Grand Lodge was opened in usual form. Present, James Pratt, Grand Master ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; William R. Smith, Grand Marshal ; Rufus Read was appointed Grand Warden, *pro tem*.

The certificates of the following Past Grands were examined and the Grand Lodge Degree conferred upon them.

Harris C. Barnes, John H. Williams, and Samuel Rolfe, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; James C. Lombard, Daniel M. Owen and George W. Quimby, of Saco Lodge, No. 2 ; M. F. Whittier and George W. Dam, of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4 ; Andrew T. Dole and Charles W. Thomas, of Ligonja Lodge, No. 5 ; Charles Snell, of Penobscot Lodge, No. 7 ; Benjamin Shaw, Jr., of Natahnis Lodge, No. 9 ; George H. Gardner and Elisha Clarke, of Lincoln Lodge, No. 10 ; Sewall Brackett and George W. Partridge, of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11 ; John S. Cushing, of Pejepscoot Lodge, No. 13 ; H. W. Fairbanks, of Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14 ; Jacob S. Sewall, of Hobomok Lodge, No. 16 ; William H. Allen, of Orono Lodge, No. 18 ; Frederick W. Moores, of Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21 ; C. C. Atwell, of Medomak Lodge, No. 22 ; George W. Dyer, of Schoodiac Lodge No. 23.

The records were amended by striking out the word "minimum" and inserting the word "maximum" in the resolution relative to dues, so it shall read " the amount of dues from subordinates shall be ten per cent. on all initiations, (the maximum price for initiating fees to be fixed at \$5.00) and ten cents on each degree conferred.

William B. Hartwell, D. D. Grand Master presented a communication from F. W. Moores, appealing from the decision of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, in the matter of benefits alleged to be due him.

It appeared that about the 29th of December last, Bro. Moores, and four others took withdrawal cards from Sabattis Lodge, and petitioned for a new Lodge at Mercer. Dispensation was issued and Somerset and Franklin Lodge, was instituted on the 13th of January following; on the 2d of January he became ill and remained so for quite a length of time.

He presented a claim on Sabattis Lodge for eleven days benefit, being the time from the 2d until the 13th of the month inclusive, the latter being the date of the institution of Somerset and Franklin Lodge.

The communication was referred to a special committee, who reported that the committee "were of the opinion that the decision of Sabattis Lodge in withholding benefits from Brother Moores is erroneous" and recommended the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a brother who withdraws from a Lodge for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, shall be entitled to all the benefits of the Lodge from which he withdrew, until such time as he may be able (a reasonable time only being allowed,) to connect himself with a new Lodge.

The report and resolution were laid on the table.

A petition was presented for a new Lodge to be located at Kennebunk, to be called "Mousam Lodge, No. 26." Permission was granted.

A petition signed by one hundred and twenty members of Maine Lodge, asking to be set off from Maine Lodge and of being allowed to form a new Lodge to be called "Portland Lodge," and at the same time receive their fair and just proportion of all the funds and properties of Maine Lodge, was presented. Among the reasons for this course, it was urged that "Maine Lodge now consists of four hundred and forty-two members, being double the number of any other Lodge in the State, and is too large and unwieldy to

transact the Lodge business correctly, harmoniously, or even comfortably."

On motion of Past Grand T. C. Hersey,

Voted, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that one Representative from each subordinate Lodge is entitled to fare by boat, or stage coach, or the cheapest conveyance, and his board while in attendance at the sessions of said Grand Lodge.

The report on the appeal of F. W. Moores, was called up and accepted and the resolution adopted.

Past Grand William R. Smith moved the following, as additional to the report, which was adopted :

Resolved, That brothers, under the circumstances alluded to in the foregoing resolution, shall be amenable to the Lodge from which a card of clearance may be taken, in all matter in which, by its by-laws, such brothers are made subject to discipline.

[The Grand Lodge of the United States, in 1846, decided, that the vote of a subordinate Lodge, granting a withdrawal card to a brother applying therefor, severs the connection of such brother with the Order, and relieves the Lodge granting it from all liability for benefits, whether the card be actually taken or not.]

The Grand Master presented his report. Since the last meeting he had granted Dispensations for the formation of the following Lodges, viz :

Hobomok Lodge, No. 16,	Bath, August 10, 1844.
Washington " 17,	Hallowell, " 12, "
Orono " 18,	Orono, " " "
Passamaquody " 19,	Eastport, Sept. 27, "
Harrison " 20,	Harrison, Oct. 3, "
Somerset & Franklin 21,	Mercer, Dec. 21, "
Medomak " 22,	Waldoboro, Jan. 20, 1845
Schoodiac " 23,	Calais, 21, "
Androscoggin " 24,	Lewiston, Feb. 26, "
Acadia " 25,	Bangor, March 18, "

Besides he had granted a dispensation for a Union Degree Lodge at Bangor.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Past Grand David Robinson, Jr., and others, for a division of Maine Lodge, reported that the reasons set forth for division were not sufficient; that the good of the order would not be promoted by any interference of the Grand Lodge; and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The Grand Lodge refused to adopt the report and recommendation of the committee, and referred the whole subject to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand William R. Smith, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the following part of clause 1, Article 5, of the constitution of this Grand Lodge is hereby declared null and void, as being inconsistent with the laws established by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the same be stricken from the constitution, viz: "except the son of an Odd Fellow, who may be admitted at the age of twenty."

Resolved, That the same provision in the 1st clause of Article 2, of the Constitution of subordinate Lodges be stricken out, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify all the Subordinates in the State of the action of the Grand Lodge in this respect.

The sixth District was divided and a seventh formed of the Counties of Washington and Aroostook.

The dispensations issued by the Grand Master to new Lodges during the recess were confirmed.

The Grand Master announced Past Grand, S. S. Rawson, as District Deputy Grand Master for the seventh District.

It was ordered that the sum of \$112.76, be paid to the Representatives present at this session of the Grand Lodge, that being their actual expenses.

The Grand Lodge adjourned, to May 16th.

ADJOURNED SESSION

PORTLAND, MAY 16, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, James Pratt, Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr.,

Grand Secretary ; J. N. Winslow, Grand Treasurer, and a constitutional quorum.

E. P. Banks, was appointed Grand Warden, *pro tem.*, and Rufus Read, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*

Past Grand, Francis Blake, was admitted as Representative from Harrison Lodge, No. 20.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Including the quarters ending October, 1844, and January and April, 1845.

Number initiated, 1,465 ; Rejected, 147 ; Admitted by Card, 93 ; Withdrawn by Card, 133 ; Expelled, 1 ; Suspended, 3 ; Reinstated, 2 ; Deaths, 7 ; Number of contributing members, 2946 ; Amount of receipts, \$19,-149.20.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 7, 1845.

Present, James Pratt, Grand Master ; S. Thatcher, Jr., Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; James N. Winslow, Grand Treasurer ; William R. Smith, Grand Marshal, and a constitutional quorum.

The following Past Grands, were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree, viz : Charles F. Safford of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; George W. Nichols, of Saco Lodge, No. 2 ; Charles F. Little, of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4 ; Nathaniel F. Deering, and William P. Fessenden, of Ligonias Lodge, No. 5 ; Benj. A. G. Fuller, of Sabbattis Lodge, No. 6 ; Allen Haines, of Penobscot Lodge, No. 7 ; Moody E. Thurlow and William Battie, of Relief Lodge, No. 8 ; A. S. Harding, of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11 ; E. C. Smart and William T. Pearson, of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 12 ; John D. Coburn, of Pejepscot Lodge, No. 13 ; Edward Fenno, of Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14 ; D. W. Lothrop, of Passagassawakeag Lodge, No. 15 ; Thomas Bowles, of Hobomok Lodge, No. 16 ; James Atkins,

of Washington Lodge, No. 17 ; E. P. Butler, of Orono Lodge, No. 18 ; Edward Ilsley, of Passamaquoddy Lodge, No. 19 ; L. M. Stillman, of Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21 ; John H. Kennedy, of Medomak Lodge, No. 22 ; Samuel H. Dale and W. A. Blake, of Acadia Lodge, No. 25 ; Hiram Emery, of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27.

A charter was granted for a Lodge to be located at Camden, to be styled "Lafayette Lodge, No. 31."

Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, asked for the consent of the Grand Lodge to take an appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from its decision in the case of Brother Moores, of No. 21, against that Lodge.

The request was granted.

The Grand Master, in his report, stated, that "the year past has been strongly marked with all the evidences of peace and prosperity. The Order has extended itself widely through the State, and has been everywhere received with kindness and favor." He called attention to the importance of founding an institution of learning, where the children of Odd Fellows may receive an education gratuitously, in the event of their parents being removed by death, and recommended that some definite action be taken in the matter. He suggested the importance of inquiring into the expediency of frequent celebrations among subordinates, and further of establishing some regulations in regard to the wearing of regalia on occasions which take members before the public. He stated that he had given a charter voted by the Grand Lodge to Mousam Lodge, No. 26 ; also that dispensations had been issued for Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, at Oldtown ; Olive Branch Lodge, No. 28, at South Berwick ; Katahdin Lodge, No. 29, at Dover ; Cumberland Lodge, No. 30, at Centre Bridgton.

The special committee to whom was referred the consideration of expediency of establishing an institution for the education of orphan children of deceased brothers of the Order in this State, submitted a report, urging the establishing such an institution and presented the following outlines of a plan for that purpose :

1st. That all the funds that may remain in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of this State, after liquidating the expenses of the past year, together with the amount due from the subordinates to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be appropriated and invested for the final consummation of the great project of establishing a school of charity for the education of indigent orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.

2d. That after a rigid and economical administration of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, the annual overplus, together with what may remain in the Treasury unexpended from last year, be placed in the hands of Trustees, who shall give the necessary bonds, as an accumulating fund for this purpose.

3d. That the members of subordinate Lodges, be invited to contribute annually for the benefit of this important enterprise, such sum as their means and benevolence may permit—the act and amount being entirely voluntary with the donor.

4th. So soon as the necessary amount shall have been obtained for the erection of a suitable and satisfactory edifice, and the wants of the Order shall require it, an asylum for the education of orphans shall be constructed in such location as shall be deemed by the Grand Lodge best calculated to effect the intentions and objects of this benevolent enterprise—the several subordinates contributing for its support and operation, in proportion to the number of orphan children claiming their protection, until the institution shall have become sufficiently endowed.

5th. Its standard and character shall be such as to induce the patronage of every member of the Order in this State, who may have children to educate or improve in mental endowments.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the establishment of an Orphan Asylum, be printed forthwith, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward ten copies thereof to each Lodge in the State, and that the subject be referred to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That in view of the great importance of the establishment of an institution for the education of the children of deceased Odd Fellows, the Grand Secretary be directed to issue a Circular, to accompany the report of the Committee on that subject to the Lodges, requesting them to elect one Past Grand from each Lodge, who is a member of the Grand Lodge, to meet in committee at Portland, on the Tuesday preceding the annual session in May next, at ten o'clock A. M., whose duty it shall be to perfect and present a plan for the establishment of such an institution, and that each Lodge be required to pay the necessary expenses of the delegates elected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

James Pratt, Grand Master ; William B. Hartwell, Deputy Grand Master ; George H. Gardiner, Grand Warden ; Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer ; George W. Quimby, Grand Chaplain.

William R. Smith and Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

A charter was granted for a Degree Lodge at Augusta.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to Friday at 8 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

The Grand Lodge was closed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and opened in the Scarlet Degree for the purpose of installation. The Grand officers were then installed. The Grand Lodge was then closed in the Scarlet and opened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Benj. B. G. Fuller was appointed Grand Marshal and Charles Sager, Grand Inside Guardian.

The dispensations issued by the Grand Master during the recess to the following Lodges was approved and confirmed, and charters ordered to be forwarded, viz :

Mousam, No. 26 ; Tarratine, No. 27 ; Olive Branch, No. 28 ; Katahdin, No. 29 ; Cumberland, No. 30.

On recommendation of the committee on the Pay Roll, the sum of \$178.87, was distributed for that purpose.

The State was re-districted as follows : 1st District, York County ; 2d, Portland and Saccarappa ; 3rd, Bridgton and Harrison ; 4th, Bath, Brunswick and Lewiston ; 5th, Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner ; 6th, Somerset and Franklin Counties ; 7th, Waldoboro, Thomaston and Camden ; 8th, Waldo County, with exception of Camden ; 9th, Penobscot, Hancock and Piscataquis ; 10th, Washington and Aroostook Counties.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge was so amended as to require two regular sessions in each year, viz : on the first Thursdays of May and November, the first to be called the "Annual Session," the other the "Semi-Annual Session."

All sessions of the Grand Lodge were to be held in the city of Portland.

The committee on that subject, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge has no constitutional power to grant the prayer of Past Grand David Robinson, Jr., and others for the division of Maine Lodge.

A resolution was adopted declaring that this Grand Lodge deem a revision of the lectures and charges of the Order as necessary, and called for at the present time.

The Committee on the State of the Order in their report expressed the opinion that some alteration was required in the amount of fees received for initiation and degrees, and recommended the passage of the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recommend to the subordinate Lodges to alter their fees for initiation and degrees, charging to the initiate at least one half part of the amount received for initiation and degrees,

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened at the hour appointed.

A charter was granted for a new Lodge at Nobleboro :

District Deputy Grand Master were appointed as follows :

1st District, James Smith ; 2d District, Edward Wheeler, Jr. ; 3d District, Francis Blake ; 4th District, Joseph S. Sewell ; 5th District, Frederick P. Theobald ; 6th District, L. M. Stillman ; 7th District, George Prince ; 8th District, D. W. Lothrop ; 9th District, S. H. Dale ; 10th District, Edward Ilsley.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Number of initiations the past year, 1925 ; Suspensions, 3 ; Expulsions, 9 ; Reinstated, 2 ; Rejected, 158 ; Admitted by card 136 ; Withdrawn by card, 194 ; Number of members 3435 ; Members relieved, 306 ; Widowed

families relieved, 1; members buried, 8; amount expended for relief of brothers, \$3,673.75; for widowed families, \$54.00; educating orphans, \$125.00; burying the dead, \$402.00; revenue, \$29,476.60.

Seventy-two Past Grands have been admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree. The Grand Lodge for the current year consists of sixty members, and has now thirty-two Lodges under its jurisdiction.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, MAY 7, 1846.

Officers present, James Pratt, Grand Master; George H. Gardiner, Grand Warden; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer. Edward S. J. Nealley, was appointed Grand Marshal, *pro tem*.

The certificates of the following Representatives were examined, and they were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

George Sawyer, L. L. Saddler, S. T. Corser, from No. 1; Warren Ware, William A. Goodwin, William Batchelder, from No. 2; James Todd, Thomas O. Goold, Charles Cobb, Joseph R. Brazier, William D. Little, from No. 4; George W. Wildrage, William Boyd, from No. 5; Arthur M. Higgins, from No. 7; Sylvester H. Fuller, from No. 8; John T. Gilman, Washington Elliot, John Elliot, John E. Brown, Edward S. J. Nealley, from No. 10; Moses Stiles, Amos H. Cobb, J. H. Watson, Aaron Quimby, from No. 11; Giles Bailey, Asher Ellis, Joseph Lunt, 2d, L. P. Merrill, from No. 13; Robert White, F. A. Hodgdon, S. G. Thurlow, Ansel Lothrop, from No. 15; Thomas S. Bowles, from No. 16; Aaron Hayden, from No. 19; Cyril Pearl, from No. 20; Alden Jackson, from No. 22; Benjamin M. Flint, from No. 23; Edward P. Weston, from No. 24; Peter S. Holden, from No. 26; George S. Woodman, from No. 28; Ezra B. French, John H. Converse, from No. 32; Albert Pilsbury, from No. 33; James B. Dascomb, from No. 34; William H. Clark, from No. 37; Joseph Ulmer, from No. 40.

The following appeals were presented and referred to the committee on Grievances: of L. D. Mason, from action of Maine Lodge, No. 1, in refusing him benefits.

Of Francis Davis, from the decision of Sabattis Lodge, in refusing permission to Horace Manly to visit said Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Master presented his annual communication. He stated that he had granted dispensations for the institution of the following Lodges:

Howard Lodge, No. 33, at Machias; Carrabasset, No. 34, at Skowhegan; Union, No. 35, at Union; Narramisic, No. 36, at Orland; Kennebec, No. 37, at Hallowell; Astoria, No. 38, at Frankfort; Samaritan, No. 39, at Waterville; Eastern Star, No. 40, at Thomaston.

He had granted to Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21, permission to remove from Mercer to Norridgewock. He called attention to the necessity of a revision of the constitution of the Grand Lodge. He recommended the appointment of a committee to draft a brief and simple form of Burial Service, to be used in this jurisdiction, until the Grand Lodge of the United States shall furnish one to be used throughout the Union.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Master; George H. Gardner, Deputy Grand Master; George Prince, Grand Warden; Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer; Cyril Pearl, Grand Chaplain; E. S. J. Nealley, first Grand Representative; Ezra B. French, second Grand Representative.

Past Grand, J. W. Mansfield, of Ligonja Lodge, No. 5, was introduced and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The dispensations, issued by the Grand Master, were approved, and charters granted for the following Lodges :

Howard, No. 33, at Machias; Carrabasset, No. 34, at Skowhegan; Union, No. 35, at Union; Narramiscie, No. 36, at Orland; Kennebec, No. 37, at Hallowell; Astoria, No. 38, at Frankfort; Samaritan, No. 39, at Waterville; Eastern Star, No. 40, at Thomaston.

The action of the Grand Master in removing Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21, from Mercer to Norridgewock, was approved.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Officers were installed.

The Grand Master appointed A. Hayden, Grand Marshal, and George Sawyer, Grand Guardian.

A committee was appointed to inquire into the expediency of the Grand Lodge applying to the Legislature for a Charter.

A statement from Natahnis Lodge, No. 9, was presented, setting forth, that on the 2d of January, 1846, William Barker, a member of said Lodge applied for a card of clearance, which was granted. At that time the Lodge was not in possession of suitable cards, but were waiting for a supply which had been ordered. Very soon after the 9th of January, the Secretary received a supply of cards, and filled one out for said Barker, which was never called for. Barker was taken sick on the 7th of January, and died about the last of March. Sometime after he was taken sick, a motion was made in open Lodge to have his card sent to him by mail; but the Noble Grand objecting to have it sent at that time on account of his sickness, no action was taken upon it. Subsequent to his death it was voted that a funeral benefit of \$30.00 be paid,

and an order for said benefit, as also one for eleven weeks' benefit during his sickness, *accruing since* said 2d of January, was made out. These orders were drawn separately, and presented to the Noble Grand for his signature, which he declined giving, on the ground that in his view, said Barker could not be considered a member of said Lodge, from and after the time that his request for a clearance card was granted.

The statement was referred to a special committee, consisting of Past Grands, W. R. Smith, E. S. J. Nealley, and J. S. Cushing.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Friday at 9 o'clock, A.M.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which, together with the resolutions was adopted :

The special committee to whom was referred the statement of facts from Natahnis Lodge, No. 9, in relation to the claim for benefits in behalf of brother William Barker, late a member of said Lodge, have considered the subject and report :

That they are of opinion that the applicant was not entitled to benefits from Natahnis Lodge, for the reason that, upon the granting of the card of clearance for which he made application, he was no longer a member of that Lodge, or of the Order. Considering, however, the circumstances of the case, the committee are of opinion that Natahnis Lodge would best promote the "good of the order" by making such donation of money to the family of the deceased, as their circumstances seem to require. The committee report the subjoined resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

Per order,

W. R. SMITH.

Resolved, That the decision of the Noble Grand of Natahnis Lodge, No. 9, in the matter of the claim for benefits in behalf of the late brother William Barker, be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That it is recommended to Natahnis Lodge to make such donation of money to the family of the late brother Barker, as their circumstances may seem to require.

Past Grand Master, James Pratt presented the following report, which was accepted :

In committee of Past Grands, assembled pursuant to a resolution adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, on the subject of an Orphan Asylum, it was

Resolved, That since it has become apparent, in various ways, that the Order is not prepared to move actively on the subject of education, it be recommended to the Grand Lodge to lay the whole subject on the table and defer all action until some future day.

In behalf of the committee,

JAMES PRATT, *chairman*.

It was deemed inexpedient to petition the Legislature for a charter for this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Past Grand William R. Smith,

Resolved, That no person applying to a subordinate Lodge for a letter of recommendation to a neighboring Lodge for initiation, shall receive the same where three or more black balls appear against granting such letter; and the question upon granting such letter shall in all cases be taken by ball ballots.

There was formed from District No. 7, a new District, called District No. 11, composed of all the towns in the County of Lincoln, which lie east of the Kennebec river, and west of the towns of Union and Warren.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

On recommendation of the committee on Pay Roll the sum of \$270.45 was appropriated for that purpose.

The committee on Grievances presented the following report:

1st. In the case of brother Mason, it appears that by an injury to his hand, he was rendered incapable of doing manual labor, and claimed benefits of the Lodge on that account for nine weeks; that the Lodge refused to allow more than two weeks' benefit, on the ground that brother Mason, although disabled from manual labor, was able to superintend the erection of buildings, and the labor of mechanics employed by him.

It appeared in evidence that the appellant, who is a master mason by trade, was at the time under contract to erect certain buildings in this city, and employed journeymen, but that he was also, when well, in the habit of working with his journeymen during the time that his business as a contractor did not require his attention. The committee are of opinion that the question for them to decide is simply whether the construction given by Maine Lodge, No. 1, to the first sec-

tion, Article 5th of their By-laws is correct. And although we are of the opinion that the Article of the By-laws and of the constitution in relation to benefits, might be altered as to operate more equitable, we cannot assume to make a law to meet the case.

After a discussion of the subject, a majority of the committee are of opinion that the decision of Maine Lodge, No. 1, ought to be sustained.

2d. In the case of the appeal of brother Davis from the decision of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, the facts appear to be that a brother with a clearance card from a Lodge in New York, dated December 25th, 1844, applied on December 23, 1845, to visit Sabattis Lodge. On examination it was found that the brother had no traveling pass-word except for the year 1845; and as that was not in use at the date of his clearance card, Sabattis Lodge, refused to admit him to visit.

The committee are of opinion that the question upon which it was decided is one not material in the case presented. We do not consider a brother who takes a clearance card to be entitled to the traveling pass-word, and are of the opinion that the Lodges which a brother, having a clearance card, proposes to visit, are the sole judges of the propriety of admitting him, and are entitled to take such measures to satisfy themselves on the subject as they may think expedient, and from their decisions there can be no appeal.

The committee are therefore of opinion that the decision of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, ought to be sustained, and report two resolves in accordance with their views.

Per Order,

A. HAYDEN, *chairman*.

1st. *Resolved*, That the appeal of brother Lorenzo D. Mason, from the decision of Maine Lodge, No. 1, be dismissed.

2d. *Resolved*, That the appeal of brother F. Davis, from the decision of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, be dismissed.

The minority of the same committee presented a report and recommended that the decision of Maine Lodge, No. 1, in the case of brother Mason, be reversed.

The report of the majority of the committee in both cases was sustained and the resolutions adopted.

[The Grand Lodge of the United States has since decided that the holder of a withdrawal card is entitled to the annual traveling pass-word in use at the time, and retains the right to visit in another State with the same for a year.]

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the public use of Regalia should be allowed by the Most Worthy Grand Master during the recess of this Grand Lodge, only upon very extraordinary occasions, and when, in his opinion,

based upon satisfactory evidence that the tendency will be to promote, positively the interests of the Order.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the town of Waterville, in the County of Kennebec, be, and the same is attached to District No. 5.

District Deputy Grand Masters :

District No. 1, G. S. Woodman ; No. 2, Harris C. Barnes ; No. 3, Cyril Pearl ; No. 4, John S. Cushing ; No. 5, William H. Clark ; No. 6, James B. Dascomb ; No. 7, Sylvester H. Fuller ; No. 8, F. A. Hodgdon ; No. 9, E. P. Butler ; No. 10, A. Hayden ; No. 11, John H. Converse.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Number of Lodges, 40 ; number initiations for the three quarters ending March, 1846, 1,083 ; expelled, 7 ; suspended, 24 ; deaths, 16 ; contributing members, 4,461 ; revenue, \$22,997.95.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, NOVEMBER 5, 1846.

Officers present : Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Master ; George H. Gardiner, Deputy Grand Master ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary. Deputy Grand Master, George H. Gardiner, by request, acted as Grand Warden, *pro tem*. Past Grand Edward Fenno was appointed Grand Marshal, *pro tem*.

The certificates of the following Past Grands were presented and they were introduced and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, viz :

William I. Cross, John K. Hooper, from Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Thomas Quimby, from Saco Lodge, No. 2 ; Christopher Prince, from Georgian Lodge, No. 3 ; Stephen Waite, from Ligonias Lodge, No. 5 ; Lewis D. Moore, I. Snell, Jr., from Sabattis Lodge, No. 6 ; J. K. Kimball, Freeman Harding, Jr., from Relief Lodge, No. 8 ; John E. Brown, from Lincoln Lodge, No. 10 ; George E. Drew,

from Pejepscot Lodge, No. 13; John Trask, Jr., from Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21; Stephen H. Read, from Androscoggin Lodge, No. 24; Simon L. Whitten, from Mousam, No. 26; Charles H. D'Wolf, from Tarratine, No. 27; B. K. Carsley, from Cumberland, No. 30; J. E. Burnham, from Naramisic, No. 36; Joseph C. Hooper, from Astoria Lodge, No. 38; Amasa Dingley, from Samaritan Lodge, No. 39; E. Spear, Jr., from Eastern Star Lodge, No. 40.

The Grand Master read his report, in which he stated that the Order in this jurisdiction was in as healthy and useful condition now as at any time since its introduction into this State. He further stated that since the last Annual Session, he had granted a dispensation for Mattanawcook Lodge, No. 41, in the town of Lincoln.

He alluded to Mousam Lodge, No. 26, as having suffered under great disadvantages, during its organization from sickness and other causes. He suggested that the Grand Lodge give them such aid and encouragement as they consistently and constitutionally may be able to do. He suggested the propriety of adopting a State visiting card, to be issued by the Lodges to members visiting other Lodges in the State.

A charter was granted to Mattanawcook Lodge, No. 41.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom the Grand Master's communication in relation to the adopting of visiting cards to be used within the State was referred, recommended the adoption of the proposed measure.

The recommendation was adopted.

A committee was appointed to consider and report on the proper mode of issuing State visiting cards. The above committee pre-

sented the following report, which was received, laid on the table and the committee discharged :

The Committee appointed to arrange in detail the use of State visiting cards, report that they, most unfortunately, are unanimously opposed to the introduction of this innovation upon the usages of the Order in this State, and are, therefore unable to agree upon such a report as the Grand Lodge have a right to expect. The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. BANKS,
BENJ. W. FLINT,
I. K. KIMBALL.

The subject was referred to a new committee, with instructions to report at the next session.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to Friday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the several subordinates in this jurisdiction to take immediate and active measures to establish Libraries, to be placed in their several Lodge rooms, at the earliest possible day.

On report of the committee on Pay- Roll, the sum of \$207.50, was appropriated for that purpose.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

For two quarters ending September 30, 1846.

Number initiated, 43 ; expelled, 5 ; suspended, 47 ; deaths, 19 ; contributing members, 4,849.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, MAY 6, 1847.

Officers present, Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Master ; George H. Gardiner, Deputy Grand Master ; Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer ; Cyril Pearl,

Grand Chaplain. William R. Smith, was appointed Grand Warden, *pro tem*; Allen Haines, Grand Marshal, *pro tem*, and William I. Cross, Grand Inside Guardian, *pro tem*.

The committee on elections and returns presented the following report, which was adopted :

The committee on elections and returns have examined the credentials of the following named Past Grands, and recommend that they be admitted to seats in this body, to serve in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution:

Maine Lodge, No. 1, J. K. Hooper, H. C. Barnes, Wm. I. Cross, Fred W. Nichols, Solomon T. Corser, J. H. Williams; Saco, No. 2, Warren Ware, Thomas Quimby, Geo. W. Nichols, James Smith, Jr. James L. Lombard; Georgian, No. 3, Richard Woodhull, Edwin Rose, Hezekiah P. Coombs, George Prince, Christopher Prince, Charles T. Starret, R. H. Counce, George Abbott, Oliver W. Jordan, Lucius H. Chandler, William Welsby, Elisha Linnell, Benjamin F. Buxton; Ancient Brothers, No. 4, Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., M. F. Whittier, W. D. Little, George W. Dam, Joseph R. Brazier, Charles F. Little, James Todd, Charles Cobb, George Owen, Joshua Waterhouse, Thomas O. Goold, Edward P. Banks, Daniel Brazier; Ligonias, No. 5, Nathaniel F. Deering, William P. Fessenden, Rufus Read; Sabattis, No. 6, William R. Smith, Joseph Burton, J. Edwin Ladd, William H. Wheeler; Penobscot No. 7, Allen Haines, Charles Snell; Relief, No. 8, I. K. Kimball, N. A. Burpee, Freeman Harding, Jr., E. W. Pendleton; Natahnis, No. 9, F. P. Theobald, George W. Bachelder; Lincoln, No. 10, Andrew J. Fuller, Edward S. J. Nealley, Nathaniel Walker, Elisha Clarke, J. T. Gilman, George H. Gardiner, Washington Elliot, Nelson A. West, Jonathan E. Brown, John Elliot; Saccarappa, No. 11, Charles A. Perkins, Ona C. Brackett, Gideon Plummer; Pejepscot, No. 13, John S. Cushing, L. P. Merrill, F. T. Littlefield; Cushnoc, No. 14, Timothy S. Robinson, William T. Johnson; Passagassawakeag, No. 15, Robert White, Samuel G. Thurlow, Levi R. Wing, D. W. Lothrop, F. A. Hodsdon, Ansel Lothrop, Ansel Leonard, Joseph Dennett, Jr., Nehemiah Abbott; Hobomok, No. 16, Samuel Crowell, Thomas Bowles, David Ingalls,

James H. Nichols, Jacob S. Sewall ; Washington, No. 17, N. Gunnison ; Orono, No. 18, E. P. Butler, I. Washburn ; Passamaquoddy, No. 19, J. A. Coolidge ; Medomak, No. 22, William Ludwig ; Schoodiac, No. 23, Benjamin M. Flint ; Androscoggin, No. 24, Solyman P. Gorham, George W. Foss ; Mousam, No. 26, James Larrabee, J. M. Richards, John Cobby, George W. Wallingford ; Tarratine, No. 27, Newell Blake, Charles H. D'Wolfe, Otis H. Johnson, Dana M. Hall ; Olive Branch, No. 28, Theodore H. Jewett, Eleazer R. Cate, John B. Nealley, John O. Pierce ; Cumberland, No. 30, William W. Cross ; Lafayette, No. 31, Thomas B. Grose ; Damariscotta, No. 32, Uriah W. Woodward, Martin P. Hilton, John H. Converse ; Howard, No. 33, Ivory I. Robinson, Hiram S. Favor ; Carrabasset, No. 34, Samuel W. Weston, James B. Dascomb ; Union, No. 35, Elijah Vose ; Kennebec, No. 37, William H. Clark ; Astoria, No. 38, B. B. Cushing, N. H. Hubbard ; Samaritan, No. 39, Amasa Dingley ; Eastern Star, No. 40, John P. Wise, Elkanah Spear, Jr., Joseph Farwell ; Mattanawcook, No. 41, Asa Smith.

The following candidates were then admitted, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

Frederick W. Nichols, No. 1; Elisha Linnell, Benjamin F. Buxton, No. 3 ; George Owen, No. 4 ; F. C. Moody, E. P. Gerrish, No. 5 ; J. Edwin Ladd, W. H. Wheeler, No. 6 ; Ephraim W. Pendleton, No. 8 ; George W. Batchelder, No. 9 ; Gideon Plummer, O. C. Brackett, C. A. Perkins, No. 11 ; F. T. Littlefield, No. 13 ; T. S. Robinson, Wm. T. Johnson, No. 14 ; T. A. Hodsdon, No. 15 ; James H. Nichols, No. 16 ; N. Gunnison, No. 17 ; Joseph A. Coolidge, No. 19 ; William Ludwig, No. 22 ; S. P. Gorham, George W. Foss, No. 24 ; J. M. Richards, John Cobby, No. 26 ; John B. Nealley, No. 28 ; William W. Cross, No. 30 ; W. W. Woodward, M. S. Hilton, No. 32 ; H. S. Favor, No. 33 ; S. W. Weston, No. 34 ; Elijah Vose, No. 35 ; Joseph Farwell, No. 40 ; Asa Smith, No. 41.

The Grand Master read his report, showing the transactions for the year. He had granted dispensations for Lodges as follows :

Adelphian, No. 42, at Searsport ; Norembequa, No. 43, at Ellsworth ; Laconia, No. 44, at Biddeford ; Central, No. 45, at Wayne.

The foregoing Lodges had all been instituted.

He had also granted a dispensation for a Lodge at Brownfield, to be called Pequawket, No. 46, but the petitioners not being in readiness, the Lodge had not been instituted. He had also received petitions for a Lodge at Camden, and also at Searsport, not being sufficiently acquainted with the localities, and having some doubts whether a Lodge should be established at the former place, there being already one in that town, and that a very small one, and there not being sufficient time before the meeting of the Grand Lodge to make the necessary investigations, he had concluded to refer the whole subject to the Grand Lodge. He stated that having been informed that Acadia Lodge, No. 25, of Bangor, had been using other forms of initiation than those contained in the authorized charge books of the Order, he wrote to the Lodge, reminding them of the express regulation of the Order upon this subject, and at the same time expressly forbid Acadia Lodge making use of any lectures or charges, not contained in the books furnished by the Grand Lodge. No reply had been received. He stated, that in accordance with instructions, he had signed an order on the Grand Treasurer, for the sum of one hundred dollars, payable to Mousam Lodge, No. 26, taking a note for the amount payable to the Grand Treasurer.

He called attention to the present arrangement of the several Districts, and suggested that some new classification should be made of the Lodges, so as to render the duties devolving upon the several Deputies more equally divided. He stated that notwithstanding the new arrangement, extending the terms of subordinates from three to six months, it appeared to him very important that the old system of quarterly pass-words should be retained, for the purpose not only of preventing imposition, but to enable Lodges to collect their dues quarterly. He had accordingly issued a new pass-word to the Lodges on the first of April, to remain in force until the first of July. He alluded to the action of the Grand

Lodge of the United States forbidding Lodges to print the odes that are sung in the Lodge rooms.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Charters were granted to Adelpbian Lodge, No. 42, at Searsport; Norembequa Lodge, No. 43, at Ellsworth; Laconia Lodge, No. 44, at Biddeford; Central Lodge, No. 45, at Wayne; and Pequawket Lodge, No. 46, at Brownfield.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the most Worthy Grand Master be directed to issue the password to subordinate Lodges quarterly, and instruct them to collect their dues as heretofore.

The following officers were duly nominated, elected and installed:

William R. Smith, Grand Master; E. P. Butler, Deputy Grand Master; F. P. Theobald, Grand Warden; Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer; J. E. Burnham, Grand Chaplain; E. S. J. Nealley, first Grand Representative; Allen Haines, second Grand Representative.

J. S. Sewall, was appointed Grand Marshal, and H. S. Favor, Grand Inside Guardian.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 9 o'clock, Friday morning.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Charters were granted for a new Lodge in the town of Searsport, and one in the town of Camden.

On recommendation of the committee on Pay-Roll, the sum of \$343.65, was appropriated for that purpose.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of State visit-

ing cards submitted a form and recommended its adoption, when on motion, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

The State was re-districted as follows :

District, No. 1, York County ; No. 2, Portland and Westbrook ; No. 3, County of Oxford, and the towns of Bridgton and Harrison, in the County of Cumberland ; No. 4, Bath and Brunswick ; No. 5, Lewiston and Wayne ; No. 6, Augusta, Hallowell and Gardiner ; No. 7, Somerset and Franklin, with Carrabasset and Samaritan Lodges ; No. 8, Damariscotta and Medomak Lodges ; No. 9, Georgian, Relief, Eastern Star, Union and Lafayette Lodges ; No. 10, Waldo County, with the exception of Camden ; No. 11, Penobscot County ; No. 12, Piscataquis County ; No. 13, Hancock County ; No. 14, Washington and Aroostook Counties.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That all subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be required to conform to the regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as expressed in the report and resolutions of a committee of that body adopted at its last session; and not to use any books of charges, or lectures, or diplomas, except those emanating from the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor odes, except those that they may have heretofore procured elsewhere.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the education of children of Odd Fellows, particularly orphan children of deceased Odd Fellows, be pressed upon the attention of the several subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by rising :

Resolved, That Acadia Lodge, No. 25, has justly incurred the censure of this Grand Lodge, and it is hereby censured, for continuing to use portions of the old work, after repeated warnings of the unlawfulness of so doing, and also for its disrespect towards the late Grand Master, in neglecting to answer his official communication touching said unlawful acts.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to notify Acadia Lodge, No. 25, that unless they shall certify to him, on or before the 1st of June, that they have

abandoned entirely the use of the old work, their charter will be reclaimed; and the Grand Master is hereby authorized, in case of the non-compliance of Acadia Lodge, to take the necessary steps to carry this resolution into effect.

District Deputy Grand Masters :

George W. Nichols, District No. 1 ; Edward P. Banks, No. 2 ; Benj. K. Carsley, No. 3 ; James H. Nichols, No. 4 ; William R. Frye, No. 5 ; Grand Master (ex-off.) No. 6 ; Amasa Dingley, No. 7 ; Uriah W. Woodward, No. 8 ; Iddo K. Kimball, No. 9 ; Nehemiah Abbott, No. 10 ; Dep. Grand Master, No. 11, (ex-off.) Thomas Tash, No. 12 ; J. E. Burnham, No. 13 ; B. M. Flint, No. 14.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Abstract of returns for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1846. Number initiated, 193 ; admitted by card, 4 ; withdrawn by card, 26 ; suspended, 54 ; expelled, 3 ; re-instated, 11 ; rejected, 18 ; deaths, 11 ; contributing members, 4,957.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, MAY 3, 1848.

Officers present—William R. Smith, Grand Master ; E. P. Butler, Deputy Grand Master ; Frederick P. Theobald, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer ; J. E. Burnham, Grand Chaplain.

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

William E. Kimball, B. C. Fernald, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; James M. Deering, of Saco, No. 2 ; G. T. Hedge, of Ligonian No. 5 ; Joseph Burton, Frederick A. Fuller, of Sabattis, No. 6 ; S. B. Straw, of No. 7 ; N. A. Burpee, of No. 8 ; Jesse B. Tozier, of No. 9 ; A. J. Fuller, of No. 10 ; Oran Storer, of No. 11 ; Horatio Y. Garcelon, of No. 13 ; Ansel Leman, of No. 15 ; W. A. Dunn, of No. 17 ; Daniel Hubbard, of No. 18 ; Martin Bradish, of No. 19 ; James Webb, of No. 20 ; J. C. Lanè, of No. 24 ;

James Larrabee, of No. 26 ; Otis H. Johnson, Simon Hart, of No. 28 ; A. L. Vaughan, of No. 29 ; B. F. Smith, of No. 30 ; Daniel W. Dorman, Warren F. Hovey, of No. 33 ; Hiram Bigelow, of No. 43 ; Wm. Gleason, of No. 35 ; Nathan Emerson, J. Edwin Saunders, of No. 36 ; Ambrose Merrill, of No. 37 ; E. L. Getchell, P. S. Chandler, James Smiley, of No. 39 ; John P. Wise, of No. 40 ; Mark Prime of No. 44 ; Mark Treadwell, of No. 46 ; B. P. Field, of No. 48 ; Homer Percival, of No. 49.

The Grand Master read his annual report, stating that the Order was never in a more healthy state; the rapid growth and excitement which marked its history for the few years previous had entirely ceased, and the Order had apparently settled down into a quiet and permanent condition. The following Lodges, chartered at the last session, were instituted soon after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, viz : Pequawket, No. 46, at Brownfield ; Vesper, No. 47, at Camden, and Canal, No. 48, at Searsmont.

He also stated that he had granted dispensations for the following Lodges, which had been instituted during the year, viz ; Carratunk Lodge, No. 49, at Solon ; Frontier Lodge, No. 50, at Lubec ; North Anson Lodge, No. 51, at North Anson ; Adams Lodge, No. 52, at Bucksport ; Social Friends Lodge, No. 53, at Appleton.

He had received a petition for a Lodge at Cherryfield, to be called "Gaugus Lodge, No. 54 ; there not being sufficient time to make proper inquiries in relation to the case, he had deemed it best to withhold a dispensation, and present the petition for the action of the Grand Lodge. He suggested that a law should be passed requiring the approval of the Grand Lodge, (or in the recess, the approval of the Grand Master) of all laws enacted for the government of subordinate Lodges, as well as all amendments adopted, before such laws shall have any force and effect. He suggested the subject of benefits for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, whether it was advisable for the Grand Lodge to provide by law that, when the disease of a brother is of long standing, or of a permanent character, a Lodge shall grant such relief as the

funds will warrant, as the wants of the brother require, instead of making it imperative to pay a specific sum each week, as is now the case. He referred to the two Degree Lodges which had been chartered by the Grand Lodge, No. 1, at Bangor, and No. 2 at Augusta. No. 2 was in successful operation, but No. 1 had ceased its work, and the degrees are now conferred by the subordinates of which the Degree Lodge is composed. If the opinion is correct that when a Degree Lodge has been chartered on the petition of such subordinate Lodges as are desirous of uniting for the purpose of conferring degrees, that the power of such Lodges to confer the degrees passes to the Degree Lodge, and there remains so long as it legally exists, then the subordinates at Bangor, of which Union Degree Lodge, No. 1, is composed, do not possess the right to work in the degrees. He suggested to the Grand Lodge whether Degree Lodges chartered by it ought not to be required to make annual returns of their work, and whether, upon a suspension of their work, the charter by which they exist, ought not to be surrendered or reclaimed, so that the right to confer degrees may revert to the Lodges to which it originally belonged.

He stated that the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge had become exhausted and suggested the propriety of having a volume containing the proceedings from its institution to the close of the present session, with a suitable index, to be prepared and printed, and each subordinate supplied with a copy. He said that he had been frequently called upon by Lodges for advice in relation to the propriety of an incorporation under the law of the State. His opinion had uniformly been given against the policy of such action by Lodges. He suggested that the subject be referred to a committee of brothers of the legal profession, and for the preparation of such forms or directions as will enable Lodges to proceed in the investment of funds without danger of loss or trouble.

He recommended that the Grand Lodge consider the propriety of making an appropriation from its Treasury, sufficient to accomplish the work of a visitation to every Lodge in the jurisdiction. He called attention to the propriety of establishing Lyceums in

Lodges, at which lectures upon literary, scientific and moral subjects might be delivered by the members, and the doors thrown open to their families and perhaps friends. He suggested that a form for dedicating Halls be provided by the Grand Lodge. He stated that Acadia Lodge, No. 25, had surrendered its charter and voted to divide the funds among its members. He had succeeded in obtaining possession of the charter and working books only. He recommended that the Grand Secretary be authorized to present certificates of good standing to such members of Acadia Lodge, who shall make it appear to that officer that they were not engaged in the illegal action of the Lodge which caused its suspension.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Representatives submitted their report, calling attention to such portions of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States "as in their opinion have a special bearing upon their own constituency, or a general bearing upon the interests and welfare of the Order at large."

A variety of practice in conferring the Grand Lodge Degree having obtained in different States, the Grand Lodge of the United States have formally declared that it should only be conferred in the Grand Lodge Room. "But for the sake of decorum, and to avoid the necessity of interrupting business, this degree may be conferred in some room contiguous to that in which the Grand Lodge is assembled."

It was definitely settled that no subordinate could approach the Grand Lodge of the United State, excepting by appeal through the local Grand Lodge.

It was declared, that all alterations or amendments to the constitution of State Grand Lodges, should be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States for approval and confirmation; yet between the time of their adoption and such approval and confirmation, they are binding upon the jurisdiction adopting them.

The principle was settled, that in the absence of the Noble Grand the Vice Grand was bound to perform all his duties.

The Grand Lodge of the United States fixed upon two years as the term for which Grand Representatives shall be elected.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the words *quarterly* and *quarter* should they occur in subordinate work, be stricken out, and the words *semi-annually* and *term* be inserted in their place.

A uniform system has been prescribed by declaring that " each Grand Lodge shall consist of all the Past Grands in the jurisdiction."

The Grand Lodge Degree and membership are rewards for services rendered in the chairs of the subordinates, of which Past Grands cannot be deprived by local legislation ; though any State Grand Lodge " by its constitution may restrict its legislative power to such Representative basis, as it may deem best for the proper transaction of business."

It was decided " that under no circumstances would it be lawful to permit members to vote on application for degrees, who had not received the degree applied for."

It was also decided that " no brother can administer an obligation which he himself has not taken."

The Grand Representatives closed their report by congratulating the Grand Lodge upon the general prosperity of Odd Fellowship in the United States. During the last year, thirty thousand members have been added, and its expenditures for benefits have increased ninety-five thousand dollars.

It was voted, that Past Grand Oliver S. Beale, of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 12, be admitted, his credentials not being in his possession, but satisfactory evidence having been furnished that he was regularly elected.

Charters were granted to the following Lodges, viz: Carratunk Lodge, No. 49 ; Frontier Lodge, No. 50 ; North Anson Lodge No. 51 ; Adams Lodge No. 52 ; Social Friends Lodge, No. 53 ;

The Grand Secretary was directed to purchase a sufficient number of copies of the Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and furnish one to each Subordinate in the jurisdiction at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

On recommendation of the committee to whom the action and recommendation of the Grand Master as to Acadia Lodge, No. 25, had been referred, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Acadia Lodge, No. 25, agreeably to the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Master, as set forth in his special communication in reference thereto, be and is hereby expelled from this jurisdiction, and from the order.

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be hereby authorized and empowered to grant certificates, under the seal of this Grand Lodge as indicated in the 4th section of article 2 of the by-laws of this body, to all such brethren of Acadia Lodge, No. 25, as, in the opinion of Most Worthy Grand Master, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, shall be worthy to receive the same. *Provided*, that said brothers shall pay over to the Grand Secretary any portions of the funds of Acadia Lodge that may have been received by them in the division that is understood to have been made among the members of said Lodge.

Resolved, That an attested copy of these Resolutions be forwarded to all the subordinate Lodges in this State, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to the several State Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 10 o'clock, Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recommend to the several subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction the adoption of such measures as are consistent with their own interests for the obtaining of lectures upon moral, scientific and philanthropic subjects, from brethren of the Order, for the entertainment and instruction of their members, at such times as may be deemed requisite for maintaining the interests of members in Lodge meetings, and preserving the several branches of the Order from decay.

The following Grand Officers were elected :

Allen Haines, Grand Master ; S. B. Straw, Deputy Grand Master ; Benjamin Flint, Grand Warden ; Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr.,

Grand Secretary ; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer ; N. Gunnison, Grand Chaplain ; William R. Smith was elected First Grand Representative ; there was quite a contest for the position of Second Grand Representative, which finally on the fifth ballot, resulted in the choice of Nathaniel F. Deering.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

On recommendation of the committee on that subject, the State was districted as follows :

District, No. 1, York Co.; No. 2, Portland and Westbrook ; No. 3, the County of Oxford, and the towns of Bridgton and Harrison, in Cumberland County ; No. 4, Bath and Brunswick ; No. 5, Lewiston and Wayne ; No. 6, Augusta, Hallowell, Gardiner and Waterville ; No. 7, Somerset County ; No. 8, Damariscotta and Medomak Lodges ; No. 9, Georgian, Relief, Eastern Star, Lafayette and Vesper Lodges ; No. 10, Waldo County, with the exception of Camden, Searsmont and Appleton ; No. 11, Penobscot County ; No. 12, Piscataquis County ; No. 13, Hancock County ; No. 14, Washington and Aroostook Counties ; No. 15, Union, Social Friends and Canal Lodges.

The Grand officers were installed.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That from and after the adoption of this resolve, the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master, Right Worthy Grand Warden, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, shall be, and are hereby constituted an *Advisory Board*, whose duty it shall be to render such assistance and advice to the Most Worthy Grand Master, in the discharge of his official duties, as he shall, from time to time, deem necessary to introduce to their notice.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

George H. Batchelder, Grand Marshal, James M. Deering, Grand Inside Guardian, William E. Kimball, Grand Outside Guardian.

On report of the committee on Pay-Roll, the sum of \$384.75, was appropriated for that purpose.

The following report was presented, and the resolutions were adopted :

The committee on Grievances of Lodges have had under consideration the appeals of Past Grand I. Snell, Jr, from the decision of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, respecting the case of brother William M. McGregor :

Of brother Francis Davis, from the decision of Sabattis Lodge, upon the question whether an elective member, admitted by card, may be allowed to sign the Constitution and By-Laws by proxy :

And of Past Grand Charles H. DeWolf, against the decision of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, upon charges against him.

1st. In the case of brother McGregor, it appears that in July, 1847, he severed his connection with Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, and that subsequently, on the first of February last, he was again elected as a member of Sabattis Lodge ; that during the time intervening between the said dates he was taken sick ; and that since his last admission as a member of the Lodge, he has been voted ten dollars for relief in consequence of sickness.

The committee are of opinion that this action of the Lodge is in accordance with the principles of the Order, and that the decision of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, in the case referred to should be sustained.

2d. In the case of the appeal of brother Davis, it is the opinion of your committee that, notwithstanding the illegality of signing the constitution by proxy, inasmuch as brother McGregor had signed a printed copy of the constitution and By-laws of said Lodge, which is now on file in said Lodge, said appeal be dismissed.

3d. In the case of the appeal by Past Grand DeWolf, it appears that on the 17th of March last, certain brothers of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, preferred charges against him for publishing in a newspaper what they alleged to be falsehoods against a brother of the Order ; that the charges were referred to a committee in accordance with Article 2, Section 4, Clause 3, of the Constitution ; and that the committee, after a hearing of the parties, decided that brother DeWolf, should retract the statements which he had made, by an " acknowledgement in the same paper in which these wrongs were published, and that without delay," and that brother DeWolf be reprimanded before the Lodge by the Noble Grand." Brother DeWolf appealed from this decision to the Lodge, which, subsequently, on the 14th of April last, decided to amend the report of the committee by striking out the recommendation relative to reprimand, and to substitute suspension, and in that form the report of the committee was adopted.

It is the opinion of the committee upon the appeal of brother DeWolf to the Lodge, from the decision of its committee, that it was the duty of the Lodge to decide upon the appeal without increasing the penalty recommended.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted

Per Order,

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON.

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand Snell, from the decision of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, be dismissed.

Resolved, That inasmuch as it appears that brother McGregor has signed a printed copy of the By-Laws of Sabattis Lodge, which copy is now on the file of that Lodge, the appeal of brother Davis be dismissed.

Resolved, That it is irregular for a Lodge to allow its members to sign the Constitution and by-laws by proxy.

Resolved, That in the case of the appeal of Past Grand DeWolf from the decision of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, the said Lodge be directed to decide upon the appeal without increasing the penalty recommended by its committee.

Frederick W. Nichols was elected "to execute such printing as may be ordered by the Grand Lodge."

The following report was presented and adopted, and the resolution passed :

The committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the annual communication of the Most Worthy Grand Master, as relates to the subject of reduction of benefits in cases of long standing disease, beg leave to report :

That the importance of the subject entitles it to a more rigid and careful consideration than can be bestowed upon it at this late period of the Session. Your committee are of the opinion that a fair and uniform system of "Benefits" should be secured to the Order ; and that when once established, it should be strictly adhered to without the slightest deviation.

Your committee are unanimous in the expression of their opinion against a reduction simply from the reason that a brother is so unfortunate as to be chargeable to the charities of the Lodge for a long period of time.

It appears to your committee that this of all reasons is the strongest, the most imperative and binding, why the most liberal construction should be always allowed and the utmost sums, by pay of weekly benefits, invariably and promptly paid over, if need be, from year to year, to the afflicted brother.

Nevertheless, your committee are of opinion that the system of benefits, as at present operating, is liable to many well founded objections, and necessarily subjects the subordinate Lodges to many impositions, which, if allowed to continue, may, it is deeply to be feared, tend to the speedy and total waste of their funds ; therefore, to the end that the Order may be the better enabled to protect itself, and at the same time more effectually meet the wants of needy, sick and dis-

tressed brethren, their widows and orphans, your committee would respectfully ask leave to submit the accompanying resolution, which they recommend to be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. BURTON,
S. B. STRAW,
ELISHA CLARKE,
E. P. BUTLER,
B. P. FIELD,

Committee.

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Master and his Advisory Board, be hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of so reducing the amount of weekly benefits to be paid to sick and distressed brethren, by subordinate Lodges, as shall reasonably tend to the security of the several subordinates ; and also whether any further legislation is necessary to enable subordinates to confer special relief, in addition to the weekly sums allowed, in cases of urgent necessity ; and if deemed advisable, to report their views, with suitable resolves or amendments, as they may deem proper, to carry the same into effect, at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The following report and recommendation, were adopted :

The committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the most Worthy Grand Master's communication as relates to re-printing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, ask leave to report :

Your committee would recommend that a volume containing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its institution to the close of the present session, with a suitable index, be prepared, and five hundred copies printed under direction of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary ; that each subordinate Lodge be furnished with a copy of the same at the expense of this Grand Lodge ; and that the future proceedings be printed in a uniform style.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. STRAW,
J. BURTON,
ELISHA CLARKE,
E. P. BUTLER,
B. P. FIELD.

Committee.

The committee on the state of the Order reported, that it is inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to grant charters for degree Lodges, and recommend that the degree Lodges now holding charters be permitted to surrender the same to this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master.

The report was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The following report was presented, and the resolutions were adopted :

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the communication of the Right Worthy Grand Master, as relates to the incorporation of subordinate Lodges have attended to that duty and beg leave to report :

That they fully coincide with the views expressed in the communication of the Grand Master, and consider it impolitic and injudicious for Subordinate Lodges to avail themselves of the provisions of the act passed at the session of the State Legislature of 1847, as bringing upon themselves burdens which are imposed upon corporations in this State by the seventy-sixth chapter of the Revised Statutes of Maine, and without any corresponding advantages to the Lodges or their members. The committee are also of opinion that the Subordinate Lodges obtaining their power from, and being amenable to this Grand Lodge, do not possess the right or power thus to incorporate themselves, except by special permission of this Grand Lodge.

The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge alone possesses the power of granting charters to Lodges of our Order, to act under this jurisdiction ; and by those charters no power is conferred upon them to incorporate themselves by virtue of State Statutes ; and that in order to avail themselves of any such statutory provisions they must receive the special commission of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge are of opinion that it is unwise, impolitic and injudicious for subordinates to seek to incorporate themselves under the provisions of the Statutes of this State, as bringing upon themselves burdens, without corresponding advantages, and indeed without any advantage whatever.

In relation to the subject of safe investment of funds of the subordinate Lodges, time will not permit the committee to give it that careful consideration which the matter requires. They therefore ask permission to sit during the recess, and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge,

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WILLIAMS,

Chairman.

The Grand Master appointed the following

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, James Larrabee ; No. 2, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*)

No. 3, Mark Treadwell ; No. 4, Elisha Clarke ; No. 5, J. C. Lane ; No. 6, J. Burton ; No. 7, John Trask, Jr. ; No. 8, John H. Kennedy ; No. 9, E. W. Pendleton ; No. 10, Ansel Lennan ; No. 11, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*;) No. 12, A. L. Vaughan ; No. 13, Nathan Emerson ; No. 14, Albert Pillsbury ; No. 15, B. P. Field.

John H. Kennedy in the eighth district declined and Uriah W. Woodward was appointed in his stead.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

For the year ending May 1, 1848.

Number of Lodges, 53 ; initiations, 903 ; rejections, 68 ; admitted by card 113 ; withdrawn by card, 169 ; reinstated, 33 ; suspended, 144 ; expelled, 23 ; deaths, 50 ; Past Grands, 362 ; contributing members, 5,611 ; revenue, \$27, 671.36 ; brothers relieved, 580 ; widowed families relieved, 13 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$10,076.44 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$378.90 ; paid for education of orphans, \$11.50 ; paid for burying the dead, \$1,363.33 ; total relief, \$11,928.97 ; widow and orphans' fund, \$3,389.53 ; money received, \$23,130.09 ; funds on hand, \$40,137.61.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, MAY 2, 1849.

Officers present, Allen Haines, Grand Master ; S. B. Straw, Deputy Grand Master ; Benj. F. Flint, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Harris C. Barnes, Grand Treasurer ; George W. Batchelder, Grand Marshal.

The following Past Grands, were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree, viz :

Saco Lodge, No. 2, Joseph P. Adams ; Ancient Brothers, No. 4, C. C. Harmon, Cyrus Cummings ; Ligonias, No. 5, Nathaniel Elsworth, Daniel L. Choate ; Relief, No. 8, James W. Sayward ; Saccarappa, No. 11, George C. Codman, Thomas S. Smith ; Hobomok, No. 16, Samuel Crowell, Daniel Owen, Jr., Androscoggin,

No. 24, Benjamin Dunn, Nelson B. Reynolds ; Tarratine, No. 27, W. T. Plaisted, David Norton ; Olive Branch, No. 28, Levi Barnes, William A. McIntire ; Cumberland, No. 30, R. K. Hunt ; Howard, No. 33, Jacob Longfellow, 3d ; Carrabasset, No. 34, A. H. Gilman ; Narramsic, No. 36, A. W. Russell, Thomas G. Saunders ; Eastern Star, No. 40, Elijah Walker ; Norombequa, No. 43, Amory Otis, Seth Padelford ; Laconia, No. 44, S. W. Luques ; Central, No. 45, J. B. Fillebrown ; Pequawket, No. 46, Zechariah Gibson ; Canal, No. 48, T. M. Morrow ; Carratunk, No. 49, Elhanan W. McFadden ; North Anson, No. 51, Albert Moore, J. M. Wilder ; Gaugus, No. 54, James A. Milliken, James G. Sanborn ; Lemon Stream, No. 55, Abram Spooner.

The Grand Master submitted his report.

He announced the death of Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer, and spoke of him as " one of the most active and useful of our associates." He had received a letter from Saco Valley, No. 21, located in Conway, N. H., asking permission to initiate the several residents of this State therein named. Becoming satisfied that from their location, these candidates would not be likely to connect themselves with any Lodges in this jurisdiction ; and receiving the assent of Pequawket Lodge, No. 46,—the only one in their immediate vicinity, he had granted the permission asked for. He had received a circular from a joint committee of Lehigh Lodge, No. 83, and Allen Lodge, No. 71, of Allentown, Pa., " asking pecuniary aid in consequence of loss by fire." The circular bore the approval of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania. The result of careful consideration did not satisfy him of the expediency of recommending our subordinates to contribute to the relief of the Allentown Lodges. They are located in one of the largest and richest States in the Union, and in which there are about six times as many Lodges, as there are in Maine. Their character and condition being well known throughout their own vast and wealthy jurisdiction, they could hardly fail to receive at home, all necessary relief. He had examined and approved forty-six full sets of by-laws of subordinates, besides sundry amendments.

He had refused to approve an amendment providing for a reduction of benefits in cases of long continued sickness, also had refused to approve a by-law requiring one-eighth of the ballots cast to be black, to reject an application for degrees, believing that candidates for degrees, should be ballotted for in the same manner as candidates for initiation, and it should require only the same number of black balls to reject. He alluded to the objectionable principle of fixing penalties to crimes, as being still retained in the by-laws of Adelphean and Passagassawakeag Lodges, saying, if we have specified penalties for intoxication and profanity, as do these Lodges, the community will very naturally suppose that we admit members addicted to drunkenness and profane swearing; this would be a libel upon our order. He recommended the subject to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

He stated that circulars had been distributed to the subordinate Lodges inviting them to contribute to the "Wilkey Fund and Annuity." accompanied with special instructions to report directly to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge. During the recess, he had granted dispensations for five new Lodges, viz: Gaugus Lodge, No. 54, at Cherryfield; Lemon Stream Lodge, No. 55, at New Portland; Warren Lodge, No. 56, at Warren; Ockonostota Lodge, No. 57, at Sullivan; Franklin Lodge, No. 58, at Farmington.

He recommended that two sets of regalia and jewels be purchased and deposited with the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Baltimore, for the use of the Grand Representatives from this State. He stated that, in pursuance of instructions, the Grand Secretary had caused to be republished the journal of proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from its institution to the close of the last session inclusive, and he recommended that one copy of this volume be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States; one to each State Grand Lodge, and one to the Grand Lodge of British North America.

He recommended the repeal of the restriction imposed, at the last session, upon subordinate Lodges becoming incorporated, so

that such as choose so to do, may avail themselves of the provisions of the Statute of 1847. He said that agreeably to the recommendation of the Grand Lodge, Union Degree Lodges Nos. 1, and 2, had surrendered their charters. All degrees are now uniformly conferred by subordinates.

The following special communication was presented by the Grand Master, being a Digest of the decisions made by him during the year.

To the Officers and members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Maine :

Brothers :—During the recess my official opinions have been asked upon several questions of interest to the Order. These have all been promptly considered and decided according to my best judgment. I herewith submit my decisions to the Grand Lodge. If approved, they will become settled law within this jurisdiction.

1. The question : “ Does it take a majority vote to rescind a vote whereby a candidate is elected ? ” I have decided in the affirmative, upon the general principle, that in all cases not specially regulated by law, a majority vote is required by parliamentary rules.

2. The question : “ Can a Past Grand who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, be admitted to the Grand Lodge ? ” I have decided in the negative. To be admitted there, he must present a certificate from his Lodge that he is a Past Grand, *in good standing*.

3. The question : “ Can a motion to reconsider a *rescinding* vote be entertained ? ” I have decided in the negative. A rescinding vote is a final vote that cannot be disturbed by a motion to reconsider.

4. The question : “ Has a subordinate Lodge the right to postpone an installation from the first meeting in the term ? ” I have decided in the affirmative. Though the constitution provides that the officers of subordinate Lodges “ shall be installed at the first meeting in each term,” it could not have been intended to confine installations to one evening only under all circumstances. Installations should not however be postponed except for urgent reasons.

5. The question : “ In the absence of the Noble Grand, is the Vice Grand competent to confer Degrees ? ” I have decided in the affirmative, upon the principle laid down in the Digest, that in the absence of the Noble Grand, “ it is the duty of the Vice Grand to fulfil all his functions.”

6. To the question : “ In the absence of the Noble Grand, should the Vice Grand sign his own name or the name of the Noble Grand, to a card ? ” I have replied, that in such case it is the duty of the Vice Grand to sign his own name, adding the words “ Acting Noble Grand.” This will show why the Noble Grand’s name is not found upon the card.

7. The question: "Has a subordinate Lodge authority to open its Hall to the public on the occasion of its dedication?" I have decided in the negative—deeming a dispensation necessary to authorize public proceedings of the Order in all cases not expressly provided for by existing law.

8. The question: "Is the report of a visiting committee that a brother is entitled to benefits, conclusive upon his Lodge?"

I have decided in the negative. Such a report is subject to all the general rules that govern reports of committees made to deliberative assemblies.

9. The question; "Should other Lodges be notified of the expulsion of a brother during the pendency of an appeal to the Grand Lodge?" I have decided in the negative. After an appeal is taken, no penalty attaches till a final decision is had in the appellate tribunal.

10. To the question: "When is a brother to be considered in arrears to his Lodge?" I have replied that, in the absence of any by-law to the contrary, all assessments become due at the close of the quarter. From that day then a delinquent may be considered in arrears.

11. To the question: "Can an offending brother, against whom no charges are formally preferred, be expelled from his Lodge upon a confession of his guilt?" I have replied that no brother can be legally expelled except upon charges preferred agreeably to clause 2, Section 4, Article 2, of the constitution of subordinates. But the Grand Lodge of the United States have settled that "if a member acknowledges his guilt upon *charges preferred*, the penalty may be imposed without trial."

12. The question: "Should a motion for the reinstatement of a suspended member lay over one week?" I have decided in the affirmative. By clause 5, Section 4, Article 2, of the constitution of subordinates, it is provided that "when a motion for the suspension or expulsion of a brother is submitted in due form it shall not be acted upon till the next regular meeting." The object of this postponement is two-fold: to give the accused time to prepare his defence, and notice to the members that action on the case is to be had at a specified time. The principle of this provision should be applied to all motions for reinstatement of suspended brothers.

It is only the general principle requiring reasonable notice to all parties interested.

13. The question: "Can a Lodge reconsider a vote whereby a suspended brother is reinstated?" I have decided in the negative. By the vote of reinstatement, the brother has again become a member of the Lodge, and cannot be ousted therefrom by the summary and often careless process of reconsideration.

14. To the question: "What is the position of a candidate for admission to a subordinate Lodge, when the vote whereby he was elected is rescinded?" I have replied that he is in precisely the same position as he was at the moment before the ballot for his admission was taken. The provision for rescinding a vote of election was inserted in the constitution for the reason that *that* vote could no

be reconsidered, and something was required to protect the order against the admission of members, whose unworthiness was discovered between the time of election and initiation. By rescinding a vote of election and throwing the candidate back upon the Lodge, his case is again open for investigation.

15. The question : "Can a Lodge suspend or expel a member who has left the State ?" I have decided in the affirmative. Wherever his residence may be, a brother is accountable to his Lodge during the whole continuance of his membership.

This principle results from the necessity of the case. For if we could not reach an offending brother beyond the limits of our own jurisdiction, by remaining abroad, he might continue in open violation of the laws of the Order with impunity.

16. The question : "Does a by-law in these words—'*The Noble Grand shall appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for,*' preclude the Lodge from nominating or electing special committees ?" I have decided in the negative. Such a by-law leaves the Lodge at liberty to provide for the appointment of special committees in any way it may think proper. But in all cases where the Lodge does not decide how a special committee shall be raised, the appointment devolves upon the Noble Grand.

17. To the question : "Does not a brother violate the principles of Odd Fellowship and lay himself liable to expulsion, when he persists in retailing spirituous liquors, against all law and against good morals ?" I have replied that had the Legislature considered retailing spirituous liquors an offence against good morals, it would never have provided that the privilege might be purchased for a mere pecuniary consideration, though the fundamental principles of Odd Fellowship cover the whole field of moral obligations, from the universality of their character, their application must necessarily be limited by the laws of the State. From this view of the subject it will be readily seen, that however much it is to be regretted that a brother should continue to bring reproach upon the Order, by persisting in a traffic, which is entailing so much misery upon the community, such a case can be reached effectually by nothing short of positive enactment.

18. To the question : "Has a brother, under suspension, a right to a discharge from his Lodge, and can one so situated again become a member of the Order by initiation ?" I have replied that a brother under suspension has no right to a discharge from his Lodge. His membership continues with all its liabilities ; but without its privileges. His membership excludes him from admission to another Lodge by initiation.

19. To the question : "Does a by-law providing that no member who is in arrears over the amount of two quarters assessments, shall be eligible to receive benefits, affect one who is not in arrears at the time he is taken sick ; but who becomes so during his illness ?" I have replied in the negative. When a brother is entitled to benefits, his Lodge is his debtor, and a neglect to reserve the amount of his assessments as they become due shall be permitted to work no

injury to the sick brother. A contrary principle would put it in the power of a Lodge by a mere show of liberality to cut off any brother who might become too helpless to attend to his pecuniary matters.

20. The question: "Can a brother be *expelled* for non-payment of dues?" I have decided in the negative. For a delinquency of this character, *suspension* is the proper remedy. Expulsion would be a penalty out of all proportion to the offence committed. Besides, when a member is expelled, he cannot be reinstated without the consent of the Grand Lodge, while a suspended brother can be reinstated at the will of the subordinate. And in cases of suspension the Lodge is sufficiently protected; for by refusing or neglecting to reinstate, the suspension becomes perpetual.

ALLEN HAINES,

Grand Master.

The above communication was referred to a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Pratt and Deering, and Past Grand Hersey, who subsequently submitted the following report, which was adopted.

The special committee to whom was referred sundry decisions made by the Grand Master, upon questions submitted by him, report that they entirely concur in all the opinions expressed in the communication referred to them, except the following, viz :

To the question No. 4, "Has a subordinate Lodge the right to postpone an installation from the first meeting in the term?" the Grand Master decided in the affirmative; stating however that the installation should be only postponed from urgent reasons.

We believe that the provision in the constitution in relation to this subject is imperative, and should be so considered; and it should not be postponed unless from such necessity, as the absence of the candidates, or there being no Past Grand present to preside at the installation. If Lodges have a discretion left them, and make it a matter of convenience, it will serve to retard the forwarding of reports and dues, a matter already too much neglected; in consequence of which great inconvenience is experienced by the Grand Officers.

To the question No. 7, "Has a subordinate Lodge authority to open its hall to the public on the occasion of its dedication?" the Grand Master answered in the negative.

He has probably overlooked the resolutions passed in 1846, page 218, of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, giving permission to subordinates to open their halls to the public on occasions of dedications.

To the question No. 9, "Should the notice of an expulsion of a brother be sent to Lodges pending an appeal by him to the Grand Lodge?" The Grand Master has decided in the negative. We think the decision in this case is in-

correct. The expulsion should be notified, but at the same time the fact should be stated in the notice that an appeal had been taken ; otherwise a brother, thus situated, might have an opportunity to visit Lodges and enjoy many privileges of the Order, perhaps to its great injury, for nearly a whole year, and, after all decline to prosecute his appeal.

To the question No. 17, "Does not a brother violate the principles of Odd Fellowship and lay himself liable to expulsion when he persists in retailing spirituous liquors, against all law, and good morals?" The Grand Master has decided in the negative, upon the ground that it is a privilege that might be purchased for a trifling sum. We are not aware of any such provision in the law ; and if there is such, it certainly would not apply to retailing *against law*. In clause 1, section 4, of the constitution of subordinates, it is provided that any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, shall be suspended or expelled, &c. It cannot be doubted that all violations of law are also violations against the principles of the Order, and therefore the selling of spirituous liquors *against law*, is in our opinion a proper subject for charges against a brother, under the general laws and regulations of the Order.

NATH'L F. DEERING,
JAMES PRATT,
Committee.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received from subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction contributions as follows : for Wildey fund \$52.90 ; for Wildey annuity, \$26.40 ; also that he had caused to have published one thousand copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, the price fixed by the advisory board was one dollar, twelve and a half cents, for a single copy, one dollar each for ten copies delivered to one order.

Cost of first five hundred copies, \$587.66. Cost of second five hundred copies, \$239.00.

Charters were granted to the following Lodges : Gaugus Lodge, No. 54 ; Lemon Stream Lodge, No. 55 ; Warren Lodge, No. 56 ; Ockonostota Lodge, No. 57 ; Franklin Lodge, No. 58.

The Grand Secretary was directed to present copies of the volume of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Grand Representatives Deering and Smith made their report. They were gratified to witness throughout the session, the utmost good feeling, and all that dignity and decorum so essential to the efficiency of such a body. An attempt was made to change the terms from three to six months ; also from six to twelve months. The Grand Lodge by a decided vote determined to retain the present system of six months.

An attempt was made to procure the consent of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that State Grand Bodies should have the power of meeting alternately at such places in their State, as they should determine upon from time to time.

The Grand Lodge decided, as they have before, that they would not recognize the existence of moveable Lodges. A resolution was adopted, providing that Secretaries of Lodges should notify Encampments of the suspension, and of the reinstatement of Encampment members ; the Scribes of the Encampments having previously notified the Lodges of the members belonging to their Encampments.

The subject of regalia to be worn at funerals was again brought before the Grand Lodge of the United States, and it was determined, by resolution, to leave the whole matter to State Grand Bodies to prescribe as they might judge proper what should be worn by subordinates.

It was declared that visitors to Grand or subordinate bodies must be received in open Lodge, and not otherwise.

The question of allowing cards to be granted during the recess of a Lodge, was reported upon by the committee on the state of the Order ; and it was declared that such a practice would conflict with the positive laws of the Order, and could not be allowed.

On motion of Past Grand Master Pratt, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Forasmuch as in the Providence of God, our worthy brother, RUFUS READ, late Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, has been removed by death since our last meeting, therefore,

Resolved, That we enter upon our Records our sense of the loss which we have sustained by his removal. Ardent in his attachment to Odd Fellowship, faithful in the discharge of all the duties which devolved upon him in the various relations of life, he had endeared himself to many hearts among us and his decease will long be felt as a mysterious dispensation, and as an event by us to be deplored.

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge sincerely sympathize with the relatives and friends, and particularly with the children of the deceased, who, by this peculiarly distressing event, have been deprived of their only parent.

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning during the session.

Resolved, That the hall in which we are assembled be hung in mourning during the continuance of this session.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the records of this Grand Lodge, and a copy thereof be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the family of the deceased.

The hour previously assigned having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded to election of officers, with the following result :

Elisha Clarke, Grand Master ; John Trask, Jr., Deputy Grand Master ; George W. Batchelder, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Harris C. Barnes, Grand Treasurer ; J. A. Milliken, Grand Chaplain ; Allen Haines, Grand Representative ; Frederick W. Nichols was elected printer to Grand Lodge.

The Grand Officers were then installed. The Grand Master made the following appointments : Oliver S. Beale, Grand Marshal ; George C. Codman, Grand Inside Guardian ; William E. Kimball, Grand Outside Guardian.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to nine o'clock, A. M., of the next day.

MAY 3, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's communication as relates to weekly benefits, and special relief, unanimously recommended the adoption of the principles therein contained.

Adopted.

Past Grand David Norton submitted the following question :

"A subordinate votes to suspend a member. From that decision the member appeals, and a new trial is not granted. When should notice be sent to other Lodges, and when does the term of suspension commence ?" It was answered as follows :

1st. Notice should be sent to other Lodges immediately after the vote to suspend.

2d. The term of suspension commences upon the first action of the Lodge.

The following resolution in regard to balloting for degrees was adopted :

Resolved, That in balloting for degrees, if three or more of the balls cast shall be black, the candidate shall be rejected.

The committee of finance reported that the Grand Lodge was in debt about four hundred dollars, over the amount due said Grand Lodge. That the debt was contracted in printing the "Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge" (in book form) and on the recommendation of the committee, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That an assessment be imposed upon each subordinate Lodge, equal in amount to ten cents for each contributing member thereof; and that the same be made due and payable to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of July, 1849.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed, upon receipt of the amount of the assessment due from each subordinate Lodge, to forward to the Noble Grand thereof so many copies of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge as shall be equivalent to the amount of said tax, at the rate of one dollar per copy.

Upon recommendation of the committee on the State of the Order it was resolved "that it is utterly inconsistent with the principles of Odd Fellowship to deprive a sick brother of the benefits for the first week's sickness."

Permission was given to Samaritan Lodge to reinstate Octavius Wright, who had been expelled from that Lodge.

On report of the committee on pay-roll, the sum of \$411.50, was appropriated for that purpose.

The following report was presented and accepted, and the resolutions adopted :

The committee on Grievances have had under consideration the appeals of Past Grand David Norton, from the decision of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, in the case of an implicated brother :

Of brother William Q. Wheeler, from the action of Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21, in relation to benefits claimed by him :

And of brother James Low, from the action of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, in relation to benefits claimed by him.

1st. In the case of the appeal of Past Grand David Norton, it appears that in August last a brother of the Order was arraigned on charges of improper conduct preferred against him ; that he confessed to delinquency on certain of said charges ; the committee appointed to investigate the charges, reported to the Lodge two motions ; one, that the implicated brother be suspended as the penalty of one series of offences ; and the other, that he be expelled as the penalty for the other series of offences. The Lodge adopted the first motion and rejected the other.

Past Grand Norton appeals from the action of the Lodge on the second motion of the committee, on the ground that "where charges have been legally preferred and acknowledged by the respondent it is not competent for the Lodge to refuse to impose the penalty affixed by the constitution and by-laws," it is the opinion of the committee that the action of the Lodge in the case referred to, was in conformity with its constitution and by-laws, which leave the degree of punishment for the perpetration of offences, to the discretion of the Lodge.

2d. In the case of the appeal of brother William Q. Wheeler, from the action of Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21, the committee have to say that it does not appear that the Lodge have been notified of the pendency of this appeal, and they are of opinion that notice should be ordered.

3d. The case of the appeal of brother James Low from the action of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, is similar to that of case No. 2, and the same action is recommended.

The committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted.

Per order,

W. T. JOHNSON.

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand Norton from the action of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, be dismissed.

Resolved, That notice of the pendency of the appeal of brother William Q. Wheeler, be issued to Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21.

Resolved, That notice of the pendency of the appeal of brother James Low, be issued to Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11.

The resolutions adopted at the last annual session of the Grand Lodge, relative to the incorporation of subordinate Lodges were rescinded.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to furnish two sets of regalia and jewels for the use of the Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, R. C. Fernald ; No. 2, Franklin C. Moody ; No. 3, Richard K. Hunt ; No. 4, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 5, N. B. Reynolds ; No. 6, John Manley ; No. 7, Homer Percival ; No. 8, C. C. Atwell ; No. 9, Nathaniel A. Burpee ; No. 10, Nathan C. Fletcher ; No. 11, David Norton ; No. 12, A. L. Vaughan ; No. 13, Amory Otis ; No. 14, James G. Sanborn ; No. 15, Bohan P. Field ; No. 16, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*)

The Grand Lodge closed.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Number of initiations, 624 ; rejections, 49 ; admitted by card, 38 ; withdrawn by card, 125 ; reinstated, 45 ; suspended, 392 ; expelled, 39 ; deaths, 43 ; Past Grands, 463 ; contributing members, 5,886 ; revenue, \$22,329.19 ; funds on hand, \$42,243.45 ; number of brothers relieved, 544, families relieved, 24 ; brothers buried, 44 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$9,447.30 ; paid for relief of families, \$279.50 ; for education of orphans, \$74.58 ; for burying the dead, \$1,029.00 ; total amount of relief, \$10,830.38.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, JULY 9, 1851.

Officers present, Elisha Clarke, Grand Master ; John Trask, Jr., Deputy Grand Master ; George W. Batchelder, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, jr., Grand Secretary.

Certificates of the following Past Grands, having been examined and found correct, they were accordingly admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

Maine Lodge, No. 1, Moses W. Adams, James Bailey, Samuel R. Leavitt ; Ancient Brothers, No. 4, L. F. Pingree, Samuel S. Rich ; Ligonias, No. 5, S. B. Beckett ; Sabattis, No. 6, John

Manley ; Penobscot, No. 7, M. Gilligan ; Relief, No. 8, C. C. Chandler ; Natahnis, No. 9, Joseph Few ; Saccarappa, No. 11, Christopher Way ; Kenduskeag, No. 12, N. H. Colton ; Passagassawakeag, No. 15, D. D. Pinkham, L. R. Wing ; Somerset and Franklin, No. 21, Silas W. Turner ; Medomak, No. 22, A. T. Moses, John B. Wildes ; Tarratine, No. 27, Newall Blake, John Hutchins ; Olive Branch, No. 28, F. H. Whitehouse, Jacob S. Pray, E. R. Cate ; Cumberland, No. 30, George G. Wright ; Damariscotta, No. 32, Thatcher T. Wales ; Carrabasset, No. 34, Osgood Sawyer ; Union, No. 35, William Adams, Z. Collins ; Astoria, No. 38, Adam Grant ; Eastern Star, No. 40, N. M. Harding, George Spear ; Central, No. 45, D. B. Randall, D. Higgins ; Pequawket, No. 46, Eli B. Bean ; North Anson, No. 51, Joel Fletcher, Daniel Bunker ; Adams, No. 52, Nathan White, Daniel B. Hale ; Lemon Stream, No. 55, Simeon C. Hanson, Ockonostota, No. 57, Benjamin F. Ingalls ; Franklin, No. 58, William Tripp.

The Grand Master made his annual report in which he stated that soon after the close of the last session he issued an official circular, notifying all the subordinate Lodges of the fact, that the Grand Lodge had laid an assessment of ten cents for each contributing member, on the several subordinates, in this jurisdiction, which assessment was made due and payable to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of July then next ensuing. He further stated that a majority of the subordinates had cordially responded within the required time, and by nearly all within a few months of that time. Some of the subordinates had regarded it as their duty, whilst promptly liquidating this assessment, at the same time to enter their protest against the measure. So far as he could learn, these "*protests*" are mainly against the purpose which made the assessment *immediately* necessary, rather than from any settled hostility against contributing in this manner. He stated that he had learned that Kennebec Lodge, No. 37, located at Hallowell, had voted to dissolve as a Lodge ; also that Vesper Lodge, No. 47, located at Camden, had surrendered its charter, books, and

other effects to the Grand Lodge. He had granted a dispensation for one Lodge, viz: "Felix Lodge," No. 59, instituted at Newburgh, on the second day of January, 1850. He expressed the opinion that the necessity of change of policy in respect to payment of delegates to the Grand Lodge was imperatively called for, and suggested that the matter be left entirely with the subordinates. He expressed the opinion that many of the subordinates have been, and still are paying too high rates of weekly benefits, and suggested the propriety of introducing a general, uniform, and at the same time, *permanent* system of benefits, throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Master, in a special communication, stated that under date of Dec. 29, 1849, Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14, had submitted to him for approval two amendments to their by-laws, the one reducing the benefits for scarlet members to ten cents per week, instead of *five dollars*—and the other to *five cents*, instead of *three dollars*.

These amendments the Grand Master deemed tantamount to striking off the benefits entirely, and declined to approve it.

He also stated that under date of January 18, 1850, the same Lodge submitted for approval an amendment providing for regular meetings of that subordinate only on the first Saturday evening of each month, instead of each week. Regarding a change of this character, as effecting very materially, the long established, and fundamental objects of our Order, he could not deem it proper to yield his assent.

The foregoing special communication was referred to the committee on the State of the Order, who reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the refusal of the Most Worthy Grand Master to approve the by-laws of Cushnoc Lodge, providing for a reduction of benefits to mere nominal sums, and providing for holding monthly instead of weekly meetings, is approved by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, also presented a special communication in regard to Hobomok Lodge, No. 16, submitting the correspondence with that Lodge in relation to the "ten cent assessment," in the course of which it appeared, that the Lodge repeatedly refused to pay the assessment. The Grand Master stated that he had suspended the Lodge for insubordination.

The matter was referred to the committee of the whole, who after due consideration, reported the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Master in suspending Hobomok Lodge, No. 16, for an act of insubordination, admitted and persisted in, be and the same is hereby confirmed and continued until that Lodge shall return to the performance of its duties to the R. W. Grand Lodge, and a compliance with the rightful demands of that body.

The following Grand Officers were elected :

S. B. Straw, Grand Master ; Ezra B. French, Deputy Grand Master ; John H. Williams, Grand Warden ; Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Samuel R. Leavitt, Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain ; Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representative.

The office of Printer to the Grand Lodge was abolished.

The committee on Elections and Returns, reported that Kennebec Lodge, No. 37, and Vesper Lodge, No. 47, had made no returns for July, 1849, and January, 1850.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That so much of the resolve granting compensation to representatives from the subordinate Lodges, for their attendance upon the Grand Lodge, passed August 2, 1844, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The Grand Officers elect were then duly installed into their respective chairs.

The Grand Master appointed the following officers :

B. M. Flint, Grand Marshal ; E. R. Cate, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Joseph P. Adams ; No. 2, Charles C. Harmon ;

No. 3, James Webb; No. 4, Asher Ellis; No. 5, J. E. F. Dunn; No. 6, George W. Batchelder; No. 7, James M. Wilder; No. 8, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*); No. 9, George Crawford; No. 10, Otis Kaler; No. 11, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*); No. 12, Asa Smith; No. 13, Nathan White; No. 14, James G. Sanborn; No. 15, T. M. Morrow; No. 16, Abram Spooner.

The matter of appeal of brother William P. Wheeler was referred to Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21, for further investigation.

The appeal of brother James Low, of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, was dismissed.

It was deemed impracticable to attempt to have a uniform system of benefits.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the clause in the by-laws of Natahnis Lodge, No. 9, which provides that "the by-laws shall not be altered or amended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Lodge," be and the same hereby is declared null and void.

The committee on that subject submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to which was referred so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to Kennebec Lodge, No. 37, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report:

That Kennebec Lodge, on the 9th of May, 1849, (as appears by the record of said Lodge, a copy of which was communicated with the communication of the Grand Master,) voted to sell its property, and divide the proceeds of the sale, together with the cash funds then on hand, between the *bona fide* members of said Lodge, in proportion to the amount paid by them."

At the same meeting a resolution was adopted, declaring said Lodge dissolved.

It also appears, that on the 29th of June, 1850, after repeated efforts to reinstate said Lodge, the D. D. Grand Master of the sixth district, made a demand, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, for the records, papers and funds, (the charter and work-books having been previously surrendered, of said Lodge,) which the authorities refused to comply with; and also refused to pay the amount of the assessment laid at the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

It also appears that said Lodge has failed to make its semi-annual reports to this Grand Lodge, since the term ending December 31st, 1848.

In view of the foregoing facts, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

SAMUEL R. LEAVITT,
JOHN MANLEY,

Committee.

Resolved, That Kennebec Lodge, No. 37, be and hereby is, expelled from this jurisdiction and from the Order.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be hereby authorized and empowered to grant certificates, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, to all such brothers of Kennebec Lodge, No. 37, as in the opinion of the Grand Master, on the recommendation of the D. D. Grand Master of the sixth District, shall be worthy to receive the same; *Provided*, that said brothers shall pay over to the R. W. Grand Secretary all such sums of money that they may receive in the divisions of the funds of said Lodge.

A charter was granted to Felix Lodge, No. 59.

In consequence of Pejepscot Lodge, having suffered by fire the loss of its charter, the Grand Master was directed to issue another charter to said Lodge, free of expense.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports from 55 Lodges for the year ending April 1, 1850, show the total number of initiations to be 334; of rejections, 22; of admissions by card, 27; withdrawn by card, 144; reinstated, 72; suspended, 579; expelled, 31; deaths, 45; Past Grands, 573; contributing members, 5,052; revenue, \$20,372.02.

The reports from 50 Lodges show the number of brothers relieved to be 511; widowed families relieved, 27; brothers buried 43; paid for relief of brothers, \$8,437.35; paid for relief of widowed families, \$286.86; paid for education of orphans, \$78.33; paid for burying the dead, \$892.12; total amount paid for relief, \$9,744.66; funds on hand, \$43,637.03.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, JULY 8, 1851.

Officers present, S. B. Straw, Grand Master; Ezra B. French, Deputy Grand Master; John H. Williams, Grand Warden; Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Benj. F. Flint, Grand Marshal.

The following Past Grands, being in possession of proper certificates were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

Henry C. Lovell, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Samuel Waterhouse, Jr., Nathaniel Redlon, Elbridge Tobie, of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4 ; Joseph C. Noyes, of Ligonía Lodge, No. 5 ; S. H. Burpee, Maynard Sumner, C. L. Allen, of Relief Lodge, No. 8 ; J. T. Gilman, of Lincoln Lodge, No. 10 ; J. P. Libby, J. M. Babb, of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11 ; A. N. Yeaton, of Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 12 ; Ansel Lothrop, Samuel Edwards, of Passagassawakeag Lodge, No. 15 ; D. M. Hall, of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27 ; Russell Lamson, of Cumberland Lodge, No. 30 ; Perez Woodward, of Damariscotta Lodge, No. 32 ; William Philbrick, of Carrabasset Lodge, No. 34 ; Otis Kaler, of Astoria Lodge, No. 38 ; John S. Case, of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 40 ; W. P. Burill, Edward Whitcomb, of Adelprian Lodge, No. 42 ; George W. Brown, of Norembequa Lodge, No. 43 ; Charles C. Goodwin, of Laconia Lodge, No. 44 ; J. E. F. Dunn, of Central Lodge, No. 45 ; Sylvanus B. Bean, of Pequawket Lodge, No. 46 ; Freeman Jackson, of Gaugus Lodge, No. 54 ; J. Edward Ham, of Franklin Lodge, No. 58 ; Dudley Bean, of Felix Lodge, No. 59 ; Amasa T. C. Dodge, of Oriental Lodge, No. 60.

The Grand Master submitted his annual report.

He congratulated the Grand Lodge " upon the many evidences of the prosperity, zeal and usefulness of the Order within our jurisdiction." He stated that he had granted dispensations for two new Lodges, viz: Oriental Lodge, No. 60, located at Dixmont, and Sandy River Lodge, No. 61, located at Phillips.

In the latter part of January he received a communication from the N. G. of Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14, advising him that that Lodge had surrendered to this body, the charter, books and papers of that subordinate, also in the latter part of March, he was advised by the D. D. Grand Master of the 9th district, that Lafayette Lodge, No. 31, had proposed to him to surrender their charter to this body. Having been previously informed that Lafayette Lodge had no

funds, but six or eight effective members, and not interest sufficient to elect officers, he did not hesitate to authorize the District Deputy to receive the charter, books and effects of that Lodge, and to deliver them into the possession of the Grand Lodge, which duty had been faithfully performed. He said that he was officially informed by D. D. Grand Master Ellis, of the 4th district, that in December he received, by express the charter of Hobomok Lodge, No. 16, unaccompanied by a communication from any one. This discourteous procedure was considered as evidence that the Lodge wished to absolve itself from the connection it was allowed to hold with this body. He therefore directed the District Deputy to demand the books, records, papers and funds of that Lodge, which was promptly performed, but without any avail.

He expressed the opinion that very many of the subordinates are paying a higher rate of weekly benefits than their resources will warrant.

Prior to the adjourned session of the Grand Lodge of the United States he received a communication from P. G. M. Allen Haines, resigning the office of Grand Representative. He filled the vacancy by the appointment of a distinguished member of the Order, P. G. Warden, B. M. Flint.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows :

Ezra B. French, Grand Master ; Newall Blake, Deputy Grand Master ; J. T. Gilman, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain ; Nathan Emerson, Grand Representative.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Benj. M. Flint, Grand Marshal.

John B. Wildes, Grand Inside Guardian.

William E. Kimball, Grand Outside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Joseph P. Adams ; No. 2, William E. Kimball ; No. 3, S. B. Bean ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5, J. E. F. Dunn ; No. 6, William H. Wheeler ; No. 7, William Philbrick ; No. 8, A. T. Moses ; No. 9, C. C. Chandler ; No. 10, Otis Kaler ; No. 11, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 12, Asa Smith ; No. 13, Seth Padelford ; No. 14, Freeman Jackson ; No. 15, T. M. Morrow ; No. 16, William Tripp.

The following appeal was presented and referred to the committee on the state of the Order :

ANCIENT BROTHERS LODGE, No. 4.

Portland, July, 7, 1851.

Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, in the month of November, 1850, adopted an amendment, providing that brothers in said Lodge who stand as initiates only shall receive, in case of sickness or disability which shall deprive them of the power to gain a livelihood, for the first thirteen weeks, two dollars per week, and for any further time that their sickness or disability shall continue, one dollar per week ; in like manner, those brothers who stand as scarlet members shall receive four dollars per week for the first thirteen weeks, and in case of a continuance of illness, they shall receive two dollars per week.

This amendment was submitted to the Most Worthy Grand Master for his approval, which he withheld. Ancient Brothers Lodge, therefore takes an appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge.

Attest.

CHARLES W. PENNELL,

Secretary.

On this appeal, the committee on the State of the Order made the following report :

The committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the appeal of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, and so much of the Grand Master's communication as relates thereto, have considered the subject and report :

That the whole subject of the finances of subordinates, and the regulation of the amount of weekly benefits, which shall be paid by them, ought to be left to the control of the subordinates themselves, within the constitution adopted by this body for their government, and the principles of the order.

The committee do not see that the by-law of Ancient Brothers Lodge, from which the approval of the M. W. Grand Master has been withheld, contravenes any of the principles of the Order, and advise that it is in conformity with the provisions of the constitution. The committee therefore recommend that the

decision of the Grand Master be reversed, and the by-law in question be approved and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. SMITH,
ELISHA CLARKE,
JOHN TRASK, JR.,
J. E. F. DUNN,
JOHN MANLEY.

Committee.

The vote on the adoption of the above report was—*yeas*, 15,—*nays*, 15. Before the chair had announced the result, a call for the vote by Lodges was made and sustained.

Before calling the roll, the Grand Secretary stated that the annual returns of contributing members for the present year had not been publicly received, whereupon it was

Voted, That the call of Lodges be based on the annual returns made up to April, 1, 1850, and published in the proceedings of that year.

The following was the result :

Yeas—Saco Lodge, 3, Georgian, 2, Ancient Brothers, 3, Ligonias, 3, Sabattis, 3, Relief, 2, Lincoln, 2, Harrison, 2, Andros-coggin, 2, Cumberland, 2, Carrabasset, 2, Narramisc, 2, Pequawket, 1.—29.

Nays—Maine Lodge, 4, Penobscot, 2, Kenduskeag, 2, Passag-assawakeag, 3, Medomak, 2, Schoodiac, 2, Tarratine, 2, Damariscotta, 2, Astoria, 2, Eastern Star, 1, Adelpian, 2, Laconia, 2, Gaugus, 1, Franklin, 1, Felix, 1.—29.

The R. W. D. Grand Master, who occupied the chair, then voted in the negative on the adoption of the report of the committee on the State of the Order, and the report was accordingly rejected.

The following protest was then read, and on motion, it was ordered on record :

PROTEST.

The undersigned, members of the R. W. G. Lodge of Maine, respectfully protest against the taking a vote by Lodges according to the report made by subordinates in April, 1850 ;

Because a vote so taken should be according to the latest returns made by subordinates, viz : those made in April, 1851 ;

And because no Lodge which has failed to make a report, can properly be allowed to vote when a question is to be decided by a vote by Lodges, there being no basis upon which the number of votes to which Lodges are entitled can be determined.

WM. R. SMITH, of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6.			
SAMUEL WATERHOUSE, JR., of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4.			
E. P. BANKS,	"	"	"
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,	"	"	"
CYRUS CUMMINGS,	"	"	"
GEORGE CRAWFORD,	Georgian	"	3
SAMUEL S. RICH,	Ancient Brothers	"	4
JOHN MANLEY,	Sabattis	"	6
ELISHA CLARKE,	Lincoln	"	10
S. H. BURPEE,	Relief	"	8
NATHANIEL REDLON,	Ancient Brothers	"	4
NELSON B. REYNOLDS,	Androscoggin	"	24
J. EDWARD HAM,	Franklin	"	58
JAMES WEBB,	Harrison	"	20
BENJAMIN DUNN,	Androscoggin	"	24
OTIS KALER,	Astoria	"	38
WILLIAM PHILBRICK,	Carrabasset	"	34

P. G. Banks, requested the consent of the Grand Lodge for Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, to appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge relative to its amended by-laws, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. Leave was accordingly granted.

[This appeal we believe was never presented.]

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The charter, surrendered by Cushnoc Lodge, No. 14, and Lafayette Lodge, No. 31, were accepted and the Grand Secretary was directed to grant certificates to such members as in his opinion were worthy to receive them.

Hobomok Lodge, No. 16, having persistently refused to pay the *per capita* assessment, levied by the Grand Lodge, was expelled from this jurisdiction.

P. G. Dunn, submitted the following question :

"A brother in arrears, not entitled to benefits is taken sick. During his sickness he pays his dues, and subsequently dies. Is his widow entitled to the funeral benefit?"

The question was answered as follows :

"A Lodge is not *bound* to pay a funeral benefit to the family of a deceased brother, who was not at the time of his decease in "good standing" and free from any disability by reason of non-payment of dues."

Charters were granted to Oriental Lodge, No. 60, located at Dixmont, and Sandy River Lodge, No. 61, located at Phillips.

A new charter was voted, free of charge, to Medomac Lodge, No. 22, in place of the one destroyed by fire.

The following report was read :

The committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred such portion of the communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to weekly benefits, have considered the subject, and report :

The committee believe that the Grand Lodge has, by the constitution provided for the government of subordinate Lodges, very wisely left the *amount* of benefits which subordinates shall pay weekly to sick members, to the subordinates themselves, who are the best, and indeed alone, able to determine what sums their means and situation will enable them to pay. The committee do not see any reason to disturb this state of things, and therefore recommend legislation inexpedient.

WM. R. CLARK,
JOHN TRASK, JR.,
J. E. F. DUNN,
JOHN MANLEY,
ELISHA CLARKE,

Committee.

P. G. Williams moved that the above report be laid on the table, which was lost by *yeas* 16, *nays* 18. The report was then adopted.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, In order that this Grand Lodge may be enabled to liquidate the just demands against it, that a capitation tax of ten cents be and is hereby laid on each and every contributing member of the Order in this jurisdiction, to be collected at the installations of the several Lodges, by the installing officer, in January, 1852.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports from 55 Lodges for the year ending April 1, 1851, show the

total number of initiations to be 210; admitted by card, 17; withdrawn by card 57; suspended, 405; expelled, 9; deaths, 49; Past Grands, 357; contributing members, 4,792; revenue, \$13,132.06; funds on hand and invested, \$44,340.32.

The reports from 47 Lodges show the relief to be as follows: number of brothers relieved, 352; widowed families relieved, 16; brothers buried, 49; paid for relief of brothers, \$7,109.35; paid for relief of widowed families, \$405.52; paid for education of orphans, \$76.36; paid for burying the dead, \$815.00; total relief, \$8,406.13.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, JULY 13, 1852.

The annual session was opened by the R. W. D. Grand Master, the M. W. Grand Master being absent.

The following Past Grands, having presented proper certificates, were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree, viz:

Joseph Ring, of Maine Lodge, No. 1; Thomas Buckminster, Saco, No. 2; Samuel S. Webster, Ancient Brothers, No. 4; Thomas J. Burgess, Sabattis, No. 6; Benjamin Swett, Ira Linnell, Penobscot, No. 7; David W. Babb, Henry F. Sands, H. S. Clay, Saccarappa, No. 11; Seth E. Benson, Kenduskeag, No. 12; Henry E. Caxton, Passagassawakeag, No. 15; Augustus Gowen, P. T. Whitney, Orono, No. 18; Daniel Knox, Passamaquoddy, No. 19; R. M. Woodman, Tarratine, No. 27; S. T. McKenney, Cumberland, No. 30; Samuel Woodward, Thomas J. Merrill, Damariscotta, No. 32; J. S. Greene, Union, No. 35; E. F. Blaisdell, Aaron Rowell, Astoria, No. 38; John F. Nichols, Adelphian, No. 42; James G. Garland, Laconia, No. 44; Samuel Gould, Lemon Stream, No. 55; Samuel Blagge, A. H. Bragg, Oriental, No. 60; J. A. Linscott, Sandy River, No. 61.

The following Grand Officers were elected and installed:

William Tripp, Grand Master; John H. Williams, Deputy Grand Master; James Webb, Grand Warden; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer; Cy

rus Cummings, Grand Chaplain; C. C. Harmon, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master appointed Seth E. Benson, Grand Marshal and Samuel Blagge, Grand Inside Guardian.

The committee of Finance reported that there was due from this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of the United States the sum of \$752.62, which this Grand Lodge is willing and desirous to pay but is unable. The committee recommended that the Grand Representatives propose to the Grand Lodge of the United States, to take the note of this Grand Lodge for the amount due, payable in equal annual payments of at least seventy-five dollars each, said note to draw interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Mark R. Hopkins, of Adelpian Lodge, No. 42, sent in a communication, which was referred to the committee on Grievances.

Adelpian Lodge, No. 42, proposed certain questions which were referred to the committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from the Grand Master. He said that a sudden illness deprived him of the pleasure of being present at the session of the Grand Lodge, and also entirely unfitted him for making an extended communication.

He stated that the subordinates had been invited to fix upon a place for the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge. Out of the sixty-one Lodges, only thirty-eight took action upon the subject. Of these *fifteen* selected Belfast, *fourteen* selected Portland, *six* preferred Waterville, *two* Augusta, and *one* recommended Bath. In this state of things, no action was necessary to be taken upon the subject. He presented for consideration, the subject of an appropriation of forty dollars yearly, by each of the State Lodges, recommended by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be applied to the support of Thomas Wildey. He called attention to the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on the subject of raising funds for the purpose of erecting an Odd Fellows Hall in Honolulu. He stated that he had received several communications from subordinates upon the subject of furnishing them with the degree, established by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to

secure the advantages of Odd Fellowship to the wives and widows of members of the Order. Having serious doubts in regard to the practical utility of such a degree, he referred the matter to the Grand Lodge for action.

A communication from Penobscot Lodge, No. 7, to the Grand Master was presented and referred to the committee on the State of the Order.

A petition, signed by fourteen members of Harrison Lodge, No. 20, setting forth that the brothers composing said Lodge were very much scattered, living principally in the towns of Harrison, Naples, Waterford, and the North part of Bridgton, and praying that a dispensation may be granted allowing said Lodge to adjourn from time to time, as the Lodge may agree, to Waterford, North Bridgton, Naples and Harrison. The petition was referred to the committee on the State of the Order, on whose report, it was deemed inexpedient to allow Lodges to become moveable bodies, as such a practice would be highly injurious to the interests of the Order.

The following reports were read and adopted :

The committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a communication from Adelphian Lodge, No. 42, I. O. O. F., proposing several questions to this Grand Lodge, have given the subject matter of said communication their attention.

The following questions are proposed in the communication, viz :

1. What is the construction of the language of the constitution of subordinate Lodges, Art. II, Sec. 1, Clause 1,—“The candidate shall be exempt from all infirmities, which may prevent his gaining a livelihood?”

2. Would cases where, though the person was tolerably well when becoming a member, yet who had previously frequent attacks of a disease, which was hereditary in his family, from both those causes thus rendered liable at any time, be construed as such infirmities?

3. If, under such circumstances, a person becomes a member, and then has frequent attacks of the disease known by him to have existed in him and in his family previously to, and, though in a less degree, at the time of receiving membership, would he be entitled to benefits?

4. If not, then what is the proper course for a Lodge to pursue under the circumstances?

To the *first query*—We say that the proper construction of the Article in the constitution is, that the candidate shall be in possession of his faculties and pow-

ers of body and mind necessary to enable him to gain a livelihood, and of course free from all disease that would prevent him from so doing.

To the *second*—We answer, that a person, previous to his initiation, is bound to make a correct representation of the state of his health, and to answer truly the questions that are proposed to him by the rules and regulations of the Order. If, however, he knowingly make statements that are false, or in any way misrepresents the state of his health, he is liable, after proof of the same made in the regular way by trial and conviction, according to the rules established by the constitution, to be expelled from the Order.]

To the *third*—We answer, that a brother, regularly such by initiation, according to the rules of the Order, is entitled to all the privileges secured to him by our laws; which of course include benefits when sick; and he cannot be deprived of them, except upon conviction of some offence, after a regular trial according to the prescribed form, provided he has in the mean time kept himself in good standing in his Lodge, paying his dues, &c, according to its by-laws.

To the *fourth*—We answer, if it is in proof that any brother has made false statements in regard to his health, in order to get admission to the Lodge, the Lodge of which he is a member is bound to try him and if the constitutional number are satisfied of his guilt, to expel him; but until they do that, the brother is presumed to be innocent, and entitled, as we before stated, to all the privileges of other members of the Lodge.

Your committee have thus answered the questions propounded to them, and will only add, that in their judgment, a person regularly admitted into a regular Lodge of the Order, according to the forms prescribed in the constitution, is a *bona fide* Odd Fellow, entitled to all the privileges of the institution; and if any fraud has been practiced upon the Lodge in regard to such admission, the only remedy is suspension or expulsion of the offending brother after trial, according to the forms prescribed in the constitution.

NATH'L F. DEERING,
ALLEN HAINES,
S. B. STRAW,
J. BURTON,
NATHAN EMERSON.

The committee on that subject submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Grievances, having had under consideration the communication of Brother Mark R. Hopkins, of Adelphian Lodge, No. 42, to this Grand Body, have attended to their duty, and would ask leave to make the following report:

Your committee find, upon examination of the case, that Brother Hopkins was duly elected and initiated a member of Adelphian Lodge, with a full knowledge by said Lodge that he had been subject to certain attacks of disease; that after

having attained the R. B. Degree, brother Hopkins was taken sick, and that benefits were paid him without demur, so far as your committee can ascertain ; that, after having attained the Scarlet Degree, the brother was again taken sick, but upon application to his Lodge, at two several times, the Lodge refused to pay him benefits, alleging as a reason that he was ineligible to receive benefits, on account of disability at the time of his initiation, although they say in their vote upon the subject, "It was probably unthought of by him at the time."

In view of the foregoing facts, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That brother Mark R. Hopkins is entitled to and *should receive* benefits from said Adelpbian Lodge, No. 42, in the case as stated by your committee.

Resolved, That the amount of ten dollars, voted by said Lodge to brother Hopkins may be deducted from the amount of benefits claimed by brother Hopkins.

G. W. NICHOLS,
For the Committee.

The following report was presented and adopted :

The committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the communication of Penobscot Lodge, No. 7, have taken into consideration the several queries there made, and beg leave to report :

The first matter of inquiry relative to a visiting card being conclusive evidence of a brother's being in good standing in his Lodge, has been decided in the affirmative by this Grand Lodge at the present session, and your committee think correctly decided.

In regard to benefits paid to brothers, and how long they are entitled to receive them, is, we conceive, a matter for the decision of each Lodge in every case that may come before it.

To the question, "Is a Lodge holden to pay a funeral benefit to the friends of a brother who was lost at sea, or came to his death by any other calamity, and his remains not recovered, consequently no funeral expense incurred by the friends ?" We answer, that, in our opinion, the funeral benefit is due to the widows of all brothers wherever and under whatever circumstances they may have died.

NATH'L F. DEERING,
J. BURTON,
N. EMERSON,
ALLEN HAINES.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Master appointed the following

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, G. W. Nichols ; No. 2, John H. Williams, (*ex off.*) ; No. 3, Russell Lamson ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5, J. E. F. Dunn ; No. 6, Thomas L. Burgess ; No. 7, Albert Moore ; No. 8, Thomas J. Merrill ; No. 9, B. R. Buxton ; No. 10, Levi R. Wing ; No. 11, C. D. Gilmore ; No. 12, Asa Smith ; No. 13, Thomas G. Landers ; No. 14, Martin Bradish ; No. 15, William Gleason ; No. 16, Joseph A. Linscott.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports of 53 Lodges for the year ending April 1, 1852, show the number of initiations to be 118 ; admitted by card, 9 ; withdrawn by card, 33 ; suspended, 228 ; expelled, 22 ; deaths, 28 ; Past Grands, 974 ; contributing members, 4,280 ; revenue, \$7,554.00 ; invested funds, \$44,001.74.

The reports of 27 Lodges show the relief for the year as follows :

Number of brothers relieved, 274 ; widowed families relieved, 18 ; brothers buried, 28 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$4,293.17 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$243.88 ; paid for education of orphans, \$61.13 ; paid for burying the dead, \$633.00 ; total amount of relief, \$5,231.18.

ANNUAL MEETING.

PORTLAND, JULY, 12, 1853.

In the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, John H. Williams, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, presided.

Officers present—John H. Williams, Deputy Grand Master ; James Webb, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury Jr., Grand Secretary ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer.

The following Past Grands, being in possession of proper certificates, were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

Stephen Emerson, J. E. Hodgkins, Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Charles Nutter, Joshua W. Noyes, Saco, No. 2 ; Wm. J. Smith, Micah Sampson, Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Alfred Woodman,

Micah Higgins, Ligonias, No. 5 ; Henry Sewall, John H. Hartford, Sabattis, No. 6 ; James H. Elwell, John Lindsey, G. J. Burns, Relief, No. 8 ; John Brown, Nathaniel Critchett, Saccarappa, No. 11 ; E. T. Welch, Charles Hinckly, Pejepscot, No. 13 ; Nahum Morrell, Everett H. Jones, Androscoggin, No. 24 ; J. W. Sargent, Mousam, No. 26 ; S. S. Hawes, Andrew Libby, Union, No. 35 ; Edward M. Rider, R. A. Rich, Astoria, No. 38 ; Joel Miles, Jr., Samaritan, No. 39 ; Simon L. Strout, Pequawket, No. 46 ; Benjamin Steward, North Anson, No. 51 ; Manning Dunbar, Gaugus, No. 54 ; Jno. P. Hodsdon, Lemon Stream, No. 55 ; F. B. Field, Franklin, No. 58 ; J. E. Soper, Oriental, No. 60 ; George Webb, Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

The Grand Master's report was read by the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master stated that he was informed last January, that Social Friends Lodge had ceased work some two years since. He therefore directed the District Deputy Grand Master for that District, to return to the Grand Lodge all the books, papers and other property of the Lodge.

On the 6th of September, 1852, the Grand Master was informed that Nathan Emerson, Grand Representative, by reason of sickness in his family, would be unable to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and he appointed Past Grand Master, William R. Smith to fill the vacancy. He alluded to the Degree of Rebekah as having added much to the prosperity of the subordinates who have worked in the degree. He stated, that during the past year he had granted a dispensation for a new Lodge at Lewiston, by the name of Manufacturers and Mechanics Lodge, No. 62. He recommended that the Grand Lodge, under certain conditions, issue cards to members of defunct Lodges, so that they may be able to again connect themselves with the Order.

The Grand Representatives then made their report, stating that

the following decisions of the Grand Sire upon the several questions stated were concurred in and adopted, viz :

That a Secretary has no right to withhold a card which has been granted by a Lodge, and for so doing he is liable to arraignment, even if the responsibility be assumed on the alleged discovery of crime, on the part of the intended recipient.

That a brother who has lost or been dispossessed of a withdrawal card, from no cause which should impeach his own conduct, may obtain a new card bearing the same date, from the Lodge which had granted the original one, the said Lodge being the judge of the propriety of granting the new issue, and if granted expressing on its face that it is a duplicate.

That a brother who is a member in good standing in a subordinate Lodge in one State, and at the same time a resident of another State, is a proper candidate for initiation into an Encampment at the place of his residence.

That the degree of Rebekah is an honorary degree to be conferred under the regulations adopted at the last session, upon such Scarlet members and their wives as may desire to receive it ; but that the officers of all Lodges which are in possession of the work, ought to be in regular possession of the degree, upon the same principles that they are required to assume other obligations belonging to their official stations.

The several propositions hereafter stated, also became the subject of elucidation and legislative enactment, and consequently are now incorporated in the general laws of the Order.

That suspension from membership works no suspension from arrears. That upon a re-instatement, the full amount accruing before and after suspension is that which should be paid.

That a card of withdrawal is the absolute property of the holder, and is an evidence of his former good membership, and when he offers to deposit it, and thus gain admission into a Lodge, if rejected, they have no right to mutilate the card by indorsing "Rejected," thereon.

That a subordinate Lodge cannot grant leave of absence to its N. G., for a majority of the nights of his term, without working a forfeiture of the honors of his office.

That a subordinate has no power to adjourn, but must close in due form.

The Grand Representatives stated that in accordance with a vote passed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, in reference to indebtedness to the Grand Lodge of the United States, an adjustment had been effected as follows :

On the 12th day of October last, the Grand Treasurer of this body, tendered under seal, to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, seven notes of hand, for the sum of

\$100 each, and one note for a balance of \$52.62, payable in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 years, with annual interest at the rate of six per cent. on the whole amount, which was accepted, and in return, the undersigned have received the bill of indebtedness of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, receipted in full.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

A charter was granted to Manufacturers and Mechanics Lodge, No. 62.

A new charter was issued to Relief Lodge, No. 8, without charge, in place of the one destroyed by fire.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to sell the Iron Safe, belonging to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge elected the following Grand Officers for the ensuing year :

Edward P. Banks, Grand Master ; Seth E. Benson, Deputy Grand Master ; George C. Codman, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain.

On the third ballot, William R. Smith was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Master appointed Russel Lamson, Grand Marshal, and Joel Miles, Grand Inside Guardian.

P. G. Trask, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That no Past Grand shall be appointed District Deputy Grand Master, unless he be a member of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed the following

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, John Cobby ; No. 2, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ;

No. 3, Francis Blake; No. 4, Asher Ellis; No. 5, Nahum Morrill; No. 6, John H. Hartford; No. 7, James M. Wilder; No. 8, Samuel Woodward; No. 9, George Crawford; No. 10, Edward M. Rider; No. 11, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*); No. 12, Asa Smith; No. 13, Daniel B. Hall; No. 14, James A. Milliken; No. 15, William Gleason; No. 16, John P. Hodsdon.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Number of initiations for the year ending April 1, 1853, 95; admitted by card, 11; withdrawn by card, 44; suspensions, 318; expulsions, 7; Past Grands, 720; contributing members, 2,644; revenue, \$9,171.46.

Returns from 24 Lodges for the above year, show the relief as follows: Number of brothers relieved, 184; widowed families relieved, 15; brothers buried, 16; amount paid for relief of brothers, \$2,756.09; paid for relief of widowed families, \$230.90; paid for education of orphans, \$56.00; paid for burying the dead, \$365.00; total relief, \$3,407.99.

ANNUAL MEETING.

PORTLAND, July 11, 1854.

Officers present—Edward P. Banks, Grand Master; Seth E. Benson, Deputy Grand Master; George C. Codman, Grand Warden; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer.

P. G. Webb, was appointed Grand Inside Guardian, *pro tem.*

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Joseph Stevens, Saco Lodge, No. 2; James H. Berrick, A. W. Pingree, W. P. Files, Ancient Brothers, No. 4; O. E. Durgin, John W. Libby, Ligonias, No. 5; John Merrill, Solomon Libby, Saccarappa, No. 11; C. E. Owen, Pejepscot, No. 13; Edward P. Burnham, Mousam, No. 26; P. J. Robinson, John M. Jenks, Howard, No. 33; John Lenfest, M. G. Morse, Union, No. 35; Benj. A. Keyes, Narramistic, No. 36; Henry G. Morgan, Astoria, No. 38; Wm. P. Leavitt, Pequawket, No. 46; Daniel B.

Jones, Lemon Stream, No. 55 ; George Latham, Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

The Grand Master read his annual report.

He stated that the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge were in a highly satisfactory condition ; the large debt due the Grand Lodge of the United States has been considerably reduced, and the current expenses of the Grand Lodge promptly paid. He stated that on the authority of a resolution passed at the last session, the iron safe, in which were deposited the books of record and accounts, and valuable papers of the Grand Lodge, was sold, and the property removed to the Custom House, where the Grand Secretary was, for the time being located ; unfortunately that building was, on the 8th of January, destroyed by fire, and all the property of the Grand Lodge, there deposited, destroyed with it. He stated that he had declined to sanction an amendment to the by-laws of Howard Lodge, No. 33, reducing the weekly benefits to 50 cents per week, regarding the reduction as a practical evasion of the principle that each Lodge should pay a substantial and desirable benefit.

He suggested the propriety of Harrison Lodge, No. 20, being united with Cumberland Lodge, No. 30.

He said that information had reached him, that Central Lodge, No. 45, and Norembequa Lodge, No. 43, had suspended meetings and divided their funds.

The following Lodges having ceased work, their charters had been reclaimed, viz. : Somerset and Franklin, No. 21 ; Eastern Star, No. 40 ; Adelpian, No. 42 ; Social Friends, No. 63.

He expressed the opinion that the new work has, in this State at least, proved practically a failure.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The following Grand Officers were elected :

Joseph Burton, Grand Master ; John Cobby, Deputy Grand Master ; A. T. C. Dodge, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain. On the third ballot, Edward P. Banks was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

Luther F. Pingree, Grand Marshal, Andrew Libby, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, John Cobby, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 2, H. S. Clay ; No. 3, Wm. P. Leavitt ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5, George Latham ; No. 6, Grand Master, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 7, Albert Moore ; No. 8, Samuel Woodward ; No. 9, George Crawford ; No. 10, Henry C. Morgan ; No. 11, Benj. Swett ; No. 12, S. B. Straw ; No. 13, Benj. A. Keyes ; No. 14, Ivory J. Robinson ; No. 15, Stephen S. Hawes ; No. 16, A. P. Spooner.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to select by ballot the place where the Grand Lodge should hold its next annual session, and on the third ballot, Bangor was selected.

On recommendation of the committee on the state of the Order, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their endeavors to have the "old work" substituted for that now in use.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to receive the charter, books and papers of Harrison Lodge, should that Lodge vote to surrender them, allowing said Lodge to retain her funds for the express purpose, and none other, of uniting with Cumberland Lodge, upon such terms as the Lodges may agree, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports for the year ending April 1, 1854, show number initiated to

be 98 ; admitted by card, 14 ; withdrawn by card, 24 ; suspended, 166 ; expelled, 6 ; deaths, 20 ; Past Grands, 612 ; contributing members, 3343 ; widow and orphan fund, \$5526.08 ; revenue, \$8221.72 ; funds on hand and invested, \$34,879.12.

For the above term 25 Lodges reported relief as follows :

Number of brothers relieved, 192 ; widowed families relieved, 11 ; brothers buried, 20 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$3538.13 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$157.00 ; education of orphans, \$24.00 ; paid for burying the dead, \$390.00 ; total relief, \$4109.13.

ANNUAL SESSION.

BANGOR, July 10, 1855.

Officers present—Joseph Burton, Grand Master ; John Cobby, Deputy Grand Master ; A. T. C. Dodge, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary.

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

Ira C. Doe, Saco Lodge, No. 2 ; Samuel Bradford, Charles C. Page, John Rand, Lemuel B. Morrison, L. G. McKenney, George Palmer, C. K. Ladd, Benj. Plummer, Edmund H. Flagg, Penobscot, No. 7 ; J. A. Ingraham, C. H. Cables, Relief, No. 8 ; Ebenezer Pool, John L. Young, Alvin C. Kittridge, William J. Young, Joseph N. Downs, Kenduskeag, No. 12 ; William Neal, Orono, No. 18 ; J. B. Ham, Zela F. Bliss, Androscoggin, No. 24 ; Moses Woodman, N. H. Hart, D. McCulloch, Tarratine, No. 27 ; W. A. Cromwell, Olive Branch, No. 28 ; John F. Sanborn, Nobleboro, No. 32 ; George W. Morse, L. Allen, Union, No. 35 ; Henry Gott, Alonzo F. Craig, B. D. Folsom, Narramisc, No. 36 ; John Haley, Astoria, No. 38 ; Benj. F. Day, Laconia, No. 44 ; C. H. Baker, Central, No. 45.

The Grand Master presented his annual report.

He stated that the present and future prospects of the Order in

this jurisdiction, was far from that progressive state which its friends could hope and desire, there being in general a great declension from the former prosperity of the Order. He further stated that in some localities the Degree of Rebekah was very generally conferred on the wives of brothers, with very favorable effect. He suggested that an effort be made, through our Grand Representatives, to have permission granted for the Daughters of Rebekah to be present at the installation of Officers in Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master reported the following decisions :

To the inquiry, whether a Lodge has a right to initiate a person who has been suspended for non-payment of dues from another Lodge, but otherwise possessing all necessary qualifications for membership, I had no hesitation in replying in the negative.

A question was submitted to me, whether a person when duly elected and notified, but before presenting himself for initiation, is taken sick, is still entitled to initiation ? The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided, "that a ballot cannot under any circumstances be re-considered, but must stand as a final judgment," yet "if fraud is charged and established, a new ballot should be ordered," and also, that if such new ballot has not been taken on the charge and establishment of fraud, and the candidate appears for initiation, "he cannot be examined on the state of his health, in the ante-room, except in the manner which our charge book requires." Under these decisions, my reply to the question was, "that if a person who has been duly elected and notified, appears for initiation, and satisfactorily answers the preliminary questions, as laid down in the charge book, the Lodge cannot refuse to initiate him."

He stated that Samaritan Lodge, No. 39, Norembequa Lodge, No. 34, Sandy River Lodge, No. 61, had during the past year abandoned their organization, and their charters and books have been surrendered.

He stated that Harrison Lodge, No. 20, having declined to avail themselves of the permission to merge in Cumberland Lodge, No.

30, resolved to make an effort at revival in their own Lodge, which was successful, and the Lodge was now doing well.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The following Grand Officers were elected :

Nathan Emerson, Grand Master ; A. T. C. Dodge, Deputy Grand Master ; John Hutchins, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain. On the second ballot, S. B. Straw, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Micah Higgins, Grand Marshal ; Benj. Swett, Grand Inside Guardian.

The following resolution, laid over from the last session, was taken up and adopted :

Resolved, That the constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended, by striking out the word "July," and inserting "August," so that its Annual Session shall occur upon the second Tuesday of August, instead of July.

A petition was presented for a new Lodge at Kennbunkport. It was deemed inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners, by reason of their close proximity to Mousam Lodge, also the establishment of small Lodges and the reducing the numerical strength, by one third, of a Lodge now in a prosperous condition, would ultimately result to its injury.

The decisions of the Grand Master were confirmed.

The Grand Master appointed the following

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, William A. Cromwell ; No. 2, Samuel Rolfe ; No. 3, George G. Wight ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5, J. B. Ham ;

No. 6, James S. Manley; No. 7, Albert Moore; No. 8, John F. Sanborn; No. 9, C. H. Cables; No. 10, Aaron Rowell; No. 11, A. T. C. Dodge, (*ex-off.*); No. 12, S. B. Straw; No. 13, Nathan Emerson, (*ex-off.*); No. 14, Ivory S. Robinson; No. 15, A. Libby; No. 16 ——— Milliken.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The following is a synopsis of returns for the year ending April 1, 1855.

Initiations, 71; admitted by card, 7; withdrawn by card, 22; suspended, 156; expelled, 2; brothers relieved, 192; widowed families relieved, 12; brothers buried, 20; paid for relief of brothers, \$4,404.00; paid for relief of widowed families, \$196.00; paid for burying the dead, \$425.00; total relief, \$5,025.00; revenue, \$6,658.00; funds on hand, \$37,393.00; widow and orphans fund, \$5,691.00; number of Past Grands, 529; contributing members, 2,906.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 12, 1856.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master:

Officers present, A. T. C. Dodge, Deputy Grand Master; John Hutchins, Grand Warden; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr. Grand Secretary; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain.

The following Past Grands were admitted:

Andrew S. Sawyer, John C. Remick, of Maine Lodge, No. 1; Rufus P. Tapley, Jacob Gegenheimer, Joshua Chadbourn, William Andrews, Stephen I. Abbott, John Cleaves, of Saco Lodge, No. 2; N. G. Cummings, of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4; A. M. Dresser, of Ligonias Lodge, No. 5; Almon C. Pray, of Androscoggin Lodge, No. 24; Horace Cole, of Mousam Lodge, No. 26; Charles Fogler, of Union Lodge, No. 35; Samuel P. Brown, of Narramsic Lodge, No. 36; Charles A. Hayes, of Astoria Lodge, No. 38; Hiram H. Bragdon, O. W. Batchelder, Isaac

C. Downs, Jonathan Parker, James P. Foss, E. P. Parcher, Thomas Walls, of Laconia Lodge, No. 44 ; William Cilley, of Pequawket Lodge, No. 46 ; Erasmus D. Clarke, of Manufacturers and Mechanics Lodge, No. 62.

The annual report of the Grand Master was read. He stated that shortly after the adjournment of the last session, he received a petition from twenty-five members of Mousam Lodge, No. 26, located at Kennebunk, for a new Lodge to be located at Kennebunkport. In view of the fact that the Grand Lodge at the last session decided adversely to the petitioners, he did not feel justified in granting the brothers a dispensation.

The Grand Master reported the following decisions made by him during the year :

When a motion has been made to suspend a brother for non-payment of dues, and carried, can that motion be reconsidered by the one that made it, and seconded by one voting with the majority, at the same time or the next meeting ? The N. G. decided the motion out of order.

My judgment is, the motion to reconsider was in order, and the question should have been put to the Lodge.

My opinion was also requested upon the construction of the constitution in relation to Lodges paying benefits to members for the first week's sickness.

I believe a strict construction of the constitution will give a brother the first, as well as the last week's benefit ; yet the Lodges have been allowed the broadest construction of that clause of the constitution, and some Lodges in the State do not pay benefits until a brother has been reported to the Lodge two weeks, and the Grand Lodge has allowed them to do so.

Can a Lodge make a donation to a needy and sick brother, who is not entitled to benefits by being in arrears ? The principles of our Order require us to relieve the distressed, &c ; therefore I think the Lodge can and ought to make donations to such as are needy and worthy of our aid.

I was asked to approve of an amendment to the by-laws of Olive Branch Lodge, requiring a sick brother to be reported to the Lodge or N. G. one week before he could draw benefits, which received my approval.

The Grand Master recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the subject of a Digest or a code of general laws, and the propriety of reducing into form the decisions of Grand Masters, for the benefit of subordinate Lodges.

Adams Lodge, No. 52, was reported as defunct. Their charter and books are in possession of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The following officers were elected :

A. T. C. Dodge, Grand Master ; George W. Nichols, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Burnham, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain ; Mark Prime, Grand Representative.

The Grand officers were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge :

James Webb, Grand Marshal ; E. H. Jones, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, George W. Nichols, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, John C. Remick ; No. 3, A. M. Savage ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5 A. C. Pray ; No. 6, Joseph Burton ; No. 7, Albert Moore ; No. 8, Samuel Woodward ; No. 9, C. H. Cables ; No. 10, R. A. Rich ; No. 11, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 12, S. B. Straw ; No. 13, A. F. Craig ; No. 14, I. J. Robinson ; No. 15, Z. Collins ; No. 16, A. Spooner.

The following report was presented :

The committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Master, have had the same under consideration, and report :

1. To the question—"When a motion has been made to suspend a brother for non-payment of dues and carried, can that motion be reconsidered by the one who made it, and seconded by any voting with the majority at the same or the next meeting?"

This is a simple question of parliamentary usage, requiring a motion to reconsider a vote to be made and seconded by those who voted with the majority. The fact of a brother having moved a question does not give him the privilege of moving a reconsideration, unless he voted in the majority.

2. To the question—"Can a Lodge, by its by-laws, deprive a brother of benefits for the first week's sickness?"

Many Lodges in this jurisdiction have for a number of years withheld benefits from a brother for from one or two weeks, from the commencement of his sickness.

Your committee are of the opinion that this Grand Lodge should not sanction such proceedings, they being a violation of law.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. STRAW,
J. P. ADAMS,
EDWARD P. BANKS,
C. H. CABLES.

The first portion of the above report was adopted. So much of the report as relates to the question—"Can a Lodge, by its by-laws, deprive a brother of benefits for the first week's sickness?" was recommitted, with instructions to report at the next annual session, with a digest of decisions on the subject.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

For the year ending July 1, 1856. Initiations, 26; admitted by card, 4; withdrawn by card, 4; suspended, 143; expelled, 2; brothers relieved, 134; widowed families relieved, 12; brothers buried, 16; paid for relief of brothers, \$3,059.92; paid for relief of widowed families, \$222.00; paid for burying the dead, \$340.00; total relief, \$3,621.92; revenue, \$5,426.41; funds on hand, \$37,869.82; widow and orphan fund, \$5,690.72; contributing members, 1588.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

The Grand Representatives reported that they attended the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, held in Baltimore, Sept. 1855.

The Grand Lodge adopted the following rule in regard to appeal papers:

"All appeal papers, or appeals brought before the R. W. Grand Lodge, be furnished by the appealing parties, printed in pamphlet form, on a page of the same size as those of the printed Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and in default thereof, the respective appeals shall be liable to be referred back for informality."

DECISIONS.

The following decisions of general application, were either made by the Grand Sire, and confirmed by the Grand Lodge, or were adopted through the reports of committees.

In case of a vacancy in the office of Noble or Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members refusing to accept the office, the Lodge may elect a Scarlet member to the office,—provided, however, that a dispensation for

the purpose be first obtained, from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.

It cannot be required as a necessary qualification to the office of Grand Master, that the brother elected to it shall be of the Royal Purple Degree.

Suicide of a member does not debar his widow of her benefit.

Public installations are unlawful.

Daughters of Rebekah inadmissible to installations. Their connection with the Order is honorary.

A Noble Grand elect, failing to appear for installation, and having forfeited the office under the local laws, the member elected and installed in his stead, is the Noble Grand of the Lodge.

Re-consideration of a ballot, inadmissible.

Balloting for degrees must be conducted in the degree applied for.

That a brother who is suffering from a chronic complaint, but is yet able to go to his place of business, superintend it, and participate in it to a degree, is *prima facie*, not entitled to benefits, although this presumption may be rebutted by positive evidence.

Encampment degrees cannot be conferred upon one holding a withdrawal card from his Lodge.

ANNUAL SESSION.¹

PORTLAND, August 11, 1857.

Officers present—A. T. C. Dodge, Grand Master; George W. Nichols, Deputy Grand Master; Edward P. Burnham, Grand Warden; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary and Treasurer; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain.

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Leander Bryant, of Saco Lodge, No. 2; Nath'l I. Mitchell, Albert J. Merrill, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4; John Sargent, S. B. Chase, of Ligonias, No. 5; Lorenzo Pinkham, of Laconia, No. 44; E. J. Merrill, of Franklin, No. 58.

The Grand Master read his annual report.

He stated that the books, charter and properties of Central Lodge, No. 45, had been reclaimed. That Somerset and Franklin Lodge, No. 21, became defunct some three years since, but he could not learn that the books, charter, or anything has been re-

claimed. He recommended that Oriental Lodge, No. 60, and Felix Lodge, No. 59, be allowed to unite upon such terms as they may agree, not in violation of the rules and regulations of the Order. He recommended that the State be re-districted.

The following Grand Officers were then elected and installed :

George W. Nichols, Grand Master ; Otis Kaler, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Burnham, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain ; Edward P. Gerrish, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Benj. C. Fernald, Grand Marshal ; Thomas Walls, Grand Inside Guardian.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of P. G. M. Deering,

Resolved, That the following Lodges, having made no returns to this Grand Lodge for more than two years, have forfeited their charters, agreeably to the provisions of article 4, section 3, of the constitution of this Grand Lodge, viz. :

Passagassawakeag,	No. 15, Belfast.
Passamaquoddy,	" 19, Eastport.
Schoodiac,	" 23, Calais.
Katahdin,	" 29, Dover.
Howard,	" 33, Machias.
Carrabasset,	" 34, Skowhegan.
Mattanawcook,	" 41, Lincoln.
Carratunk,	" 49, Solon.
Frontier,	" 50, Lubec.
North Anson,	" 54, North Anson.
Adams,	" 52, Bucksport.
Gaugus,	" 54, Cherryfield.
Warren,	" 56, Warren.
Ockonostota,	" 57, Sullivan.

Resolved, That said Lodges have now no legal existence, and the Grand Master is requested to take immediate means to recover the books, property and funds of said Lodges, now the property of this Grand Lodge, and that he be authorized to incur such expenses on account of this Grand Lodge as he may find necessary in order to effect this object.

The proposition to amend the constitution of the Grand Lodge so that its annual sessions shall occur upon the second Tuesday of October, instead of August was taken up, and rejected.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote—every member present voting in its favor :

Resolved, That in the death of Past Grand Charles C. Harmon, Past Grand Representative to the G. L. of the U. S., this Grand Lodge has been deprived of the services of one of its most worthy members ; the Order, of one of its brightest ornaments ; and the community, of one of the noblest works of God—an honest man.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Officers of this Grand Lodge, after the present session, require every member to be clothed in Regalia, suitable to his rank and station, as prescribed by the laws of the Order, and that no member be permitted to sit or speak in the Grand Lodge, unless so clothed.

Also the following :

Resolved, That Oriental Lodge, No. 60, be permitted to unite with Felix Lodge, No. 59, and form one Lodge, under such regulations as they may adopt, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

Adjourned to Wednesday at 7½ o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, August 12, 7½ o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The State was re-districted as follows :

District No. 1, to be composed of the county of York ; No. 2, Cumberland County, with the exception of the towns of Bridgton, Harrison and Brunswick ; No. 3, Oxford County, and the towns of Bridgton and Harrison in Cumberland County ; No. 4 Sagadahoc and Kennebec Counties, with the town of Brunswick in Cumberland County ; No. 5, Androscoggin County ; No. 6, Somerset and Franklin Counties ; No. 7, Lincoln County ; No. 8, Waldo, Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties ; No. 9, Hancock, Washington and Aroostook Counties.

The Grand Representatives presented their report, stating that he reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary represent the

Order as generally in a healthy condition. The following decisions of the Grand Sire, made during the recess, received the approval of the Grand Lodge :

1st. That a brother holding a withdrawal card from one State, is entitled to the Annual Travelling Password in use at the time, and retains the right to visit in another State, with the same password, for a year.

2d. That a brother suspended from membership in his Lodge, is thereby cut off from all benefits and privileges, and in case of his death during such suspension, the Lodge incurs no new liability on account of his decease.

3d. That a brother holding an unexpired withdrawal card, retains a right to prefer charges for unworthy conduct against a member of his Lodge, during the year for which said card extends.

The following decisions and resolutions on matters of general interest, were adopted, viz. :

EFFECT OF A WITHDRAWAL CARD, THOUGH TAKEN FOR A TEMPORARY OBJECT.

That a member applying for a withdrawal card, for whatever purpose, does by the act, manifest a desire to "relinquish his membership," and as a consequence, "severs his connection with all branches of the order?" That although the member may have taken his withdrawal card for the specific purpose of an immediate deposit into the hands of the Grand Master, with a view to application for a charter for a new Lodge, yet during its transition he has ceased to be a contributing member, and is not restored to that condition until the charter has been granted, and the Lodge instituted, at which he must be present.

VISITING CARDS, WHEN TO BE SIGNED BY THE HOLDER.

Resolved, That all visiting and final cards, shall hereafter be signed by the holders thereof, in the presence of the officer by whom the annual password is communicated to such holders.

SUBORDINATES PERMITTED TO REMIT DUES, ON RE-INSTATEMENTS.

Resolved, That subordinate Lodges, or Encampments, in re-instating members suspended for non-payment of dues, shall have power to remit, in whole or in part, the dues accruing during the suspension of such members.

N. G., OR V. G., MUST PRESIDE IN THE LODGE.

Resolved, That the laws of the Grand Lodge require the N. G. of a Lodge, always when present at its meetings, to preside, and the V. G. to act as N. G., in the absence of that officer; and that no N. G., or V. G., acting as N. G., has the power to waive his right, and place a Past Grand in the N. G.'s, chair during the presence, in the Lodge room, of either of the first two officers named; *provided*, that this decision is not to be considered as applicable to a temporary absence during a portion of a Lodge meeting, of those officers, in which case the chair must be filled as provided by the charge book.

The Grand Master appointed the following

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS :

District No. 1, George W. Nichols, (*ex off.*) ; No. 2, Benj. Kingsbury, Jr. ; No. 3, Zachariah Gibson ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5, A. C. Pray ; No. 6, Daniel B. Jones ; No. 7, C. H. Cables ; No. 8, Otis Kaler, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 9, Nathan Emerson.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports from 27 Lodges for the year ending July 1, 1857, show the number of initiations to be 33 ; admissions by card, 4 ; withdrawn by card, 8 ; suspended, 116 ; expelled, 4 ; brothers relieved, 142 ; widowed families relieved, 20 ; brothers buried, 19 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$3,283.35 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$248.63 ; paid for burying the dead, \$480.00 ; total relief, \$4,003.78 ; revenue, \$5,576.71 ; funds on hand, \$33,001.32 ; widow and orphans fund, \$5,054.43 ; contributing members, 1,537 ; members Degree of Rebekah, 212.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST, 10, 1858.

Officers present—Otis Kaler, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Burnham, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary and Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain.

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

Elias Milliken, of Saco Lodge, No. 2 ; Louis Bunce, Edward Hodgkins, Daniel W. Nash, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Charles Baker, Wm. P. Preble, George S. Sylvester, of Ligonias, No. 5 ; Elijah Upton, of Lincoln, No. 10 ; Hugh Gordon, C. A. Hawes of Union, No. 35.

The Grand Master being absent, his report was read by the Grand Secretary. The report stated that although we could not congratulate ourselves upon any great degree of prosperity for the past year, yet the Order might be considered in a healthy state.

The Grand Master had taken no action in the matter of uniting

Oriental Lodge, No. 60, and Felix Lodge, No. 59, no application having been made for that purpose from either Lodge.

He stated that he had received information that Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, had voted each member a card of clearance and then voted themselves twenty-five dollars from the funds. On receipt of the information, he immediately wrote to the Trustees, instructing them to pay out no money on the strength of that vote. He called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the matter.

He stated that Kenduskeag Lodge, No. 12, Passagassawakeag, No. 15, and Howard, No. 33, had surrendered their charters, books and papers, which had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary.

P. G. Ed. P. Gerrish resigned his office of Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

A proposition to amend the constitution of subordinates, laid on the table at the last session, was taken up and adopted as follows :

"Provided, however, that members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have remained suspended for the space of one year, and have not made application to be re-instated, may be expelled by a vote of the subordinate Lodge, two-thirds of the members present voting to expel."

The following officers were elected and installed :

Otis Kaler, Grand Master ; Edward P. Burnham, Deputy Grand Master ; S. H. Burpee, Grand Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain ; S. B. Straw, Grand Representative, (to fill vacancy) ; Otis Kaler, Grand Representative, (full term.)

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

A. T. C. Dodge, Grand Marshal ; Elias Milliken, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, Edward P. Burnham, (*ex. off.*) ; No. 2, Benj. Kingsbury, Jr. ; No. 3, George W. Wight ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5, A. C. Pray ; No. 6, Daniel B. Jones ; No. 7, Z. Collins ; No. 8, Otis Kaler, (*ex. off.*) ; No. 9, David W. Webster, Jr.

The capitation tax on the members was increased from five to ten cents per term.

The committee on that subject reported that Saccarappa Lodge had not consummated the design which the Grand Master intimated they intended to accomplish, but had installed their officers for the present term, and are holding their meetings as usual. No action is therefore necessary.

The report was adopted :

The Grand Representatives submitted their report. They stated that they attended the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Baltimore, in Sept. 1857.

A committee was appointed to revise the secret work.

It was provided that the seal of a Lodge or Encampment to be authentic, must be printed or impressed upon the paper or instrument it authenticates, and not affixed thereto.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

For the year ending July 1, 1858, number of initiations, 13 ; admitted by card, 5 ; withdrawn by card, 10 ; suspended, 161 ; expelled, 1 ; brothers relieved, 106 ; widowed families relieved, 16 ; brothers buried, 14 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$2,196.92 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$151.00 ; paid for burying the dead, \$219.25 ; total relief, \$2,567.17 ; revenue, \$3,711.37 ; funds on hand and invested, \$35,207.20 ; widow and orphans fund, \$5,010.45 ; contributing members, 1,307 ; members Degree of Rebekah, 252.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 9, 1859.

Officers present, Otis Kaler, Grand Master ; Edward P. Burnham, Deputy Grand Master ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary and Treasurer ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain ; C. H. Cables, was appointed Grand Warden, *pro tem*.

The following Past Grands, having proper credentials, were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree : A. D. Smith, William Bailey, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Joseph F. Deering, Thomas P. Sawyer,

of Saco, No. 2; Sewall Lang, Andrew J. Rich, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4; Elisha Higgins, Jr., of Ligon, No. 5; John E. Bailey, of Olive Branch, No. 28; Danforth Carroll, of Union, No. 35; Nathaniel H. Walker, Robert M. Stevens, of Laconia, No. 44; John Fogg, of Pequawket, No. 46; Mark Emery, Jr., of Lemon Stream, No. 55.

The Grand Master read his annual report. He said there seemed a careless indifference pervading the whole body, which is detrimental to the vital interests of the Order. In view of the condition of the Order, there might be doubts of our sustaining ourselves as an independent branch among the sister Grand Lodges. Since our last annual session three Lodges have become extinct. Orono, No. 18, Felix, No. 59, and Harrison, No. 20.

He reported the following decisions.

To the inquiry, "Is a brother eligible to the office of V. G., who has held only the office of member of the visiting committee?" I had no hesitation in replying in the negative.

To the inquiry of brother Benson Emerton, of Narramisc Lodge, "Can a brother be suspended for non-payment of dues while the Lodge is indebted to the said brother for benefits and an order drawn for the same?" My answer was most emphatically in the negative.

Penobscot Lodge have amended their by-laws, so as to hold monthly instead of weekly meetings, to which I gave my approval.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Edward P. Burnham, Grand Master; Cyrus K. Ladd, Deputy Grand Master; N. G. Cummings, Grand Warden; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary and Treasurer; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Mark Prime, Grand Marshal; Elias Milliken, Grand Inside Guardian.

The decisions of the Grand Master were all approved.

A petition was presented, signed by four members of Oriental Lodge, No. 60, located at Dixmont, stating that they were a majority of the members of said Lodge, requesting that the Lodge be

removed to Bangor, which was granted, and the Grand Lodge sanctioned the removal.

The Grand Representatives submitted their report. They stated that they attended the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States at Baltimore, Sept., 1858. All the jurisdictions were represented.

The Grand Representatives reported the following legislation.

VISITING IN A BODY.

It was enacted that a Lodge or Encampment may visit a Lodge or Encampment in a body, when accompanied by one of their first two officers, who may introduce them in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by the elective Grand Officers.

VISITING BY CARD.

It was decided that Lodges or Encampments may dispense with examining visitors after the first time, during the term of their cards.

On motion of P. G. M. Banks, it was unanimously

Resolved, That as the sense of this Grand Lodge, any member of a subordinate Lodge who shall propose to divide the funds of his Lodge among its members, except in pursuance of the payment of benefits to brothers entitled to them in consequence of sickness, within the meaning of 2d section, 2d clause, of the constitution for subordinate Lodges, shall be expelled from the Order, providing five members of the Lodge shall vote for the same.

Resolved, That the power to act in the case specified in the preceding resolution shall be instant, and power is hereby given so to act.

The committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Public Installations, have had the same under consideration and report,

That the several subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be and are hereby authorized to install their officers in public ; *provided*, the ceremony be conducted by one or more of the elective officers of this Grand Lodge, or a district Deputy Grand Master, and also provided, that they use the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

OTIS KALER,
H. G. MORGAN,
WILLIAM BAILEY.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments :

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, H. F. Sands ;

No. 3, John Fogg; No. 4; Asher Ellis; No. 5, Nahum Morrill; No. 6, Mark Emery, Jr.; No. 7, C. H. Cables; No. 8, Benj. Swett; No. 9, A. F. Craig.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Reports were received from 24 Lodges for the year ending August 1, 1859. Total initiations for the year, 24, admitted by card, 3; withdrawn by card, 9; suspended 158; expelled, 2; brothers relieved, 84; widowed families relieved, 14; brothers buried, 9; paid for relief of brothers, \$2,556.68; paid for relief of widowed families, \$227.75; paid for burying the dead, \$180.00; total relief, \$2,964.43; revenue, \$4,192.49; funds on hand and invested, \$36,130.00; widow and orphans fund, \$3,754.71; contributing members, 1,203; members degree of Rebekah, 243.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 14, 1860.

Officers present,—Edward P. Burnham, Grand Master; Cyrus K. Ladd, Deputy Grand Master; Nathaniel G. Cummings, Grand Warden; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary and Treasurer; George W. Nichols, Grand Marshal, *pro tem*.

The following Past Grands were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree:

Joseph A. Hall, Cyrus S. Barker, of Saco Lodge, No. 2; Wm. C. Beckett, of Ligonias, No. 5; Charles B. Lemont, of Lincoln, No. 10; Manning Walcott, of Union, No. 35; James W. Locke, of Laconia, No. 44; William F. Bickford, of Pequawket, No. 46; E. D. Johnson, C. H. Webster, Gilman L. Flanders, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

The Grand Master read his annual report. He announced the

death of Cyrus Cummings, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Representative elect, which occurred in Portland, Sept. 9, 1859, also the death of Past Grand William Bailey.

He stated that Past Grand Cummings, having resigned the office of Grand Representative during his sickness, he appointed Daniel L. Choate in his place.

The Grand Master reported the following decisions :

To the question, "Can a brother who prefers charges against a brother be appointed on the trial committee?" I answered that I could not find any decision upon the point, either by the G. L. of U. S., or of Maine. When a Lodge becomes reduced to a very few active members, it may be necessary that nearly all of them be upon a trial committee; unless thus necessary, it is better that brothers preferring charges should not be upon a trial committee. To the question, "Can a brother after there has been charges preferred against him, vote or take part on any question that may come before the Lodge?" I answered, "that the latest decision of the G. L. of U. S., is that, 'the only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a traveling or visiting card, and where the charges bear upon the rights to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision.'"

The decisions of the Grand Master were referred to the committee on the State of the Order, who made the following report, which was adopted :

The committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the decisions of the Grand Master, beg leave to report : that they have considered the question answered by the Grand Master, viz : "Can a brother who prefers charges against another, be appointed on the trial committee?" and agree with the Grand Master in the opinion expressed by him, but would be inclined to express that opinion in more decided terms. That under no circumstances would it be proper to appoint the accuser on the committee to try a brother. Such a course would, has they think, be opposed to all acknowledged principles of justice. To the question, "Can a brother after charges have been preferred against him, vote or take part in a Lodge meeting?" we agree with the Grand Master that he can, except in relation to his own case.

NATHANIEL F. DEERING,
S. B. STRAW,
N. G. CUMMINGS,
C. H. CABLES.

The Grand Representatives submitted their report.

They gave the following statistics of the Order :

Whole number of subordinate Lodges,.....	3,425
Whole number of subordinate Encampments,.....	641
Initiations in Lodges,.....	17,654
Initiations in Encampments,.....	2,249
Total number of Lodge members,.....	177,711
Total number of Encampment members,.....	23,448
Lodge members died,.....	17,10
Encampment members died,.....	219
Paid by Lodges for relief of brothers,.....	\$300,389.15
“ “ “ widowed families,.....	61,454.00
“ “ “ education of orphans,.....	13,888.72
“ “ “ burying the dead,.....	65,227.75
Amount of relief by Lodges,.....	\$440,959.62
Amount of relief by Encampments,.....	36,636.74
Total relief,.....	\$477,596.36
Annual receipts of Lodges,.....	\$1,116,080.60
Annual receipts of Encampments,.....	109,737.43
Total receipts,.....	\$1,225,817.03

Committees were appointed to revise the form of Burial Service and to prepare a form of Dedication of Halls. Lodges were prohibited from paying officers, beside Outside Guardian, and Recording and Permanent Secretary.

It was upon appeal decided to be improper to bring a charge against a brother after his death, [the case being that of alleged fraud on the part of a brother, in stating his age improperly at admission, but not discovered till after his death,] also that when the local law requires a majority of two-thirds present, that members excused from voting must be counted as present.

The following Grand Officers were then nominated, elected and installed :

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master ; Andrew P. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master ; John B. Nealley, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Chaplain ; Newall Blake, Grand Representative ; Edward P. Burnham, Grand Representative, (to fill vacancy occasioned by the removal of Daniel L. Choate from the jurisdiction.)

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

William C. Beckett, Grand Marshal ; E. D. Johnson, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Jefferson W. Sargent; No. 2, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*); No. 3, Wm. F. Bickford; No. 4, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*); No. 5, A. C. Pray; No. 6, Abram Spooner; No. 7, Hugh Gordon; No. 8, John Hutchins; No. 9, A. F. Craig.

Past Grand, Cyrus K. Ladd, resigned the office of Grand Chaplain, and Past Grand, Rev. C. H. Webster, was nominated and elected Grand Chaplain.

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's communication which alludes to the decease of Past Grand Chaplain Cummings, and Past Grand Bailey, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Whereas, This Grand Lodge since its last session has experienced a great bereavement in the death of its late Grand Chaplain, Past Grand Cyrus Cummings, who has served long and faithfully in many stations in the various grades of Odd Fellowship, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of this our venerable brother, one who had endeared himself to our institution by a long course of useful services, and for so long a time has lead the devotions of this Body at its annual sessions, we recognize a merciful providence which has continued him among us, for such a length of years, even to the borders of old age, and has now removed him from his labors and cares.

Resolved, That in brother Cummings, we have always recognized the faithful and devoted Odd Fellow, always in earnest, ready for all good works connected with our institution.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his family and friends in their bereavement, as well as the members of our fraternity, who have also lost a friend and brother, one whom they respected in life and lament in death.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy to the widow of our deceased brother.

Whereas, This Grand Lodge having since its last session been deprived by death of one of its members, Past Grand William Bailey, therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of brother Bailey, the Grand Lodge has been deprived of the services of a member, young, active, and of good report, and his early departure may well call forth feelings of sorrow and regret.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathies to his bereaved relatives and friends for their great loss.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to enter these resolutions upon our records, and forward a copy to his nearest relative.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports of 24 Lodges for the year ending July 1, 1860, show the total number initiated to be 43 ; admitted by card, 11 ; withdrawn by card 5 ; suspended, 78 ; expelled, 1 ; brothers relieved, 81 ; widowed families relieved, 13 ; brothers buried, 9 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$2,687.00 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$180.00 ; paid for education of orphans, \$24.00 ; paid for burying the dead, \$180.00 ; total relief, \$3,022.00 ; revenue, \$4,922.00 ; funds on hand and invested, \$34,830.00 ; widow and orphan's fund, \$4,887.00 ; contributing members, 1,187 ; Past Grands, 366.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 13, 1861.

Officers present,—Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master ; Andrew J. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master ; John B. Nealley, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary and Treasurer ; Newell Blake, Edward P. Burnham, Grand Representatives :

The following Past Grands were admitted, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

James H. Baker, George W. Brown, Samuel A. Nash, Stephen K. Dyer, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Leader Dam, Charles H. Rich, John H. Dennison, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Rufus Stanley, George Fessenden, Henry W. Hersey, Eben D. Choate, Jedediah N. Morrill, of Ligonias, No. 5 ; Nathaniel Clarke, Samuel G. Hills, of Union, No. 35 ; M. P. Church, of Laconia, No. 44 ; Hanson W. Small, George W. Farr, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

The Grand Master read his annual communication.

He furnished the following review of the results of Odd Fellowship in Maine for the past seventeen years.

	No. of Brothers Relieved.	Widows Re- lieved.	Brothers Bu- ried.	Total Relief.
1845.....	306.....	1.....	8.....	\$4,254.75
1846.....	486.....	7.....	27.....	7,304.03
1847.....	530.....	11.....	35.....	10,593.08
1848.....	580.....	13.....	37.....	11,928.07
1849.....	544.....	24.....	44.....	10,830.38
1850.....	511.....	25.....	43.....	9,736.06
1851.....	352.....	16.....	49.....	8,406.13
1852.....	274.....	18.....	28.....	5,231.18
1853.....	200.....	15.....	20.....	4,000.00
1854.....	195.....	13.....	19.....	4,500.00
1855.....	192.....	12.....	19.....	5,025.00
1856.....	135.....	10.....	16.....	3,530.00
1857.....	142.....	20.....	19.....	4,003.78
1858.....	106.....	16.....	14.....	2,567.17
1859.....	84.....	14.....	9.....	2,964.43
1860.....	81.....	13.....	9.....	3,022.00
	<u>4718</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>396</u>	<u>\$97,896.06</u>

These statistics answer conclusively the question "Of what use is Odd Fellowship?" Surely an institution that can accomplish so much, and with so little noisy demonstration, is worth preserving.

He stated that Narramisc Lodge, No. 36, had surrendered its books and charter.

He said no questions had been submitted to him for decision, and he had had no correspondence requiring action of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Representatives presented their report.

The report showed that a form of dedication of Odd Fellow's Halls, or Lodge Rooms, and a ceremony to be observed in laying corner stones, were adopted; also the following statistics for the year ending July 1, 1860:

Whole number of Lodges.....	3,547
" " Encampments.....	671
Initiations in Lodges.....	16,980
" " Encampments.....	2,429
Lodge members.....	173,818
Encampment members.....	23,674
Lodge members deceased during the year.....	1,597
Encampment members deceased during the year.....	209

Paid by Lodges for relief of brothers,.....	\$349,698.35
“ “ “ widowed families,.....	62,342.79
“ “ education of orphans,.....	12,682.07
“ “ burying the dead,.....	55,016.06
Amount of relief by Encampments,.....	42,454.63
Annual receipts of Lodges,.....	1,163,407.29
“ “ Encampments,.....	107,496.74

The following Grand Officers were then elected and installed :

Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master ; Andrew J. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master ; John B. Nealley, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Rufus Stanley, Grand Marshal ; A. D. Smith, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Grand Warden, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 2, Grand Master, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 3, Benj. C. Stone ; No. 4, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 5, A. C. Pray ; No. 6, Abram Spooner ; No. 7, C. H. Cables ; No. 8, A. N. Yeaton.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports of 23 Lodges for the year 1860, show number initiated, 76 ; admitted by card, 6 ; withdrawn by card, 4 ; suspended, 27 ; expelled, 17 ; brothers relieved, 86 ; widowed families relieved, 13 ; brothers buried, 11 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$2,375.00 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$167.00 ; paid for burying the dead, \$230.00 ; total relief, \$2,742.00 ; revenue, \$4,643.00 ; funds on hand and invested, \$37,025.00 ; widow and orphan's fund, \$5,099.00 ; contributing members, 1,220 ; Past Grands, 354.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 12, 1862.

Officers present—Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master ; N. I. Mitchell, Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.* ; John B. Nealley, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary and Treas-

urer ; Newell Blake, Edward P. Burnham, Grand Representatives.

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

Richard Cole, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Harrison Cleaves, of Saco, No. 2 ; J. A. Fenderson, Samuel Wilcox, W. S. Philbrook, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Franklin Fox, of Logonia, No. 5 ; Daniel Wood, of Androscoggin, No. 24.

The Grand Master read his annual report.

He alluded in fitting terms to the death of Thomas Wildey, the founder of Odd Fellowship in the United States.

He reported the Order in a healthful condition.

He stated that Carrabasset Lodge, No. 34, which surrendered its charter in 1857, had petitioned for leave to resume work, which he had granted, and recommended that the charter be restored by vote of the Lodge.

He states that brother Newell Blake, Grand Representative, resigned the office, and he had tendered the position to several competent and esteemed brethren, all of whom declined. The position therefore, remained unfilled. He stated that no questions necessary for the consideration of the Grand Lodge had been presented to him for consideration.

Grand Representative Burnham submitted his report.

He stated :—The inquiry of this Grand Lodge, “ How can a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, in a Lodge which has since his suspension, surrendered its charter, be re-instated in the Order, or can any Subordinate Lodge receive him by initiation, or otherwise ? ” having been presented and referred to the committee on the State of the Order, their report was adopted : “ That a brother in such case may be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, upon such terms, and upon such evidence, as the proper State, Territorial, or District Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, may by law prescribe. Your committee know of no law of this Grand Lodge which is applicable to such case ; and they are of the opinion that it should be left in control of the local Grand Bodies.”

The following Grand Officers were elected and installed :

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master ; Andrew J. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master ; John B. Nealley, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Elisha Clarke, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Rufus Stanley, Grand Marshal ; Louis Bunce, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Grand Warden, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 2, Grand Master, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 3, Benj. C. Stone ; No. 4, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 5, A. C. Pray ; No. 6, Charles Williams ; No. 7, Danforth Carroll ; No. 8, A. N. Yeaton.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized and requested to restore to Carrabasset Lodge, No. 34, the charter that has been heretofore recalled, and that their semi-annual reports may be commenced from January 1, 1863.

Several inquiries made, were referred to the committee on the State of the Order.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on the State of the Order made the following report, which was accepted :

The committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the question proposed by Past Grand Fenderson, of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4,

"Do the constitution and laws and the principles of the Order authorize a Subordinate Lodge to vote money from its funds as a charity, to its own members or others, where a case of necessity shall arise for so-doing?"

It would seem from the wording of this inquiry that it answered itself. If there was a necessity for so-doing, it would seem to override all law ; as the old adage that necessity knows no law, would seem here in full force. But your committee do not intend to put their answer to this question upon that ground. They consider that all the principles of the Order look to the relief of destitute brothers, and that Lodges are not only allowed, but are compelled by their principles to

this, their highest duty, to afford relief to their sick and destitute members, from the funds of the Lodge or otherwise.

And further, if in the opinion of the Lodge, contributions to relief of any distressed, in or out of the Order, will be for the interest of the Institution, or is commanded by its principles, they have an undoubted right in a legal and proper way, to vote funds for the purpose.

NATH'L F. DEERING,
ELISHA CLARKE,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
C. K. LADD.

The committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was accepted :

The committee on the State of the Order to which was referred the resolution of Maine Lodge, No. 1, upon the following question, viz :

"In case a vacancy occurs in the office of Permanent Secretary of a Lodge in the course of a term, can his successor be constitutionally elected on the same evening that the vacancy occurs, on a motion to proceed to fill said vacancy, no previous nomination having been made?"

Having taken the subject into consideration, and report that in their opinion it is entirely legal and constitutional to proceed to an election of an officer to succeed one who has resigned, and on the same evening that the resignation was received, and although a nomination previously is desirable, yet we do not consider that it will vitiate an election otherwise made in a legal manner.

That the nominations, made necessary by the constitution and by-laws, apply to the regular semi-annual elections, and not to filling vacancies.

Respectfully submitted,

NATH'L F. DEERING,
ELISHA CLARKE,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
C. K. LADD.

The following report was presented and accepted, and the annexed resolution adopted :

The committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the request "to report what action is necessary to enable Lodges to admit members of other Lodges who were suspended therefrom for the non-payment of dues, and whose Lodges have become defunct since said suspension," having considered the same report the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be authorized to give such applicant a certificate to enable him to apply for membership in another Lodge, after paying to the Grand Secretary the amount due from him to his Lodge, at the time he was suspended from his Lodge.

E. P. BURNHAM,
NATH'L F. DEERING,
ELISHA CLARKE,
C. K. LADD.

The special committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's communication relating to the death of Past Grand Sire, Thomas Wildey, reported, giving a sketch of his life and services in the cause of Odd Fellowship and submitted the following resolutions, which were accepted :

Whereas, The Odd Fellows of Maine, in common with the brethren of the Order throughout the whole jurisdiction of Odd Fellowship, have been called upon to mourn the decease of the Father and Founder of the institution in this country ; and we, the Odd Fellows of the State of Maine in Grand Lodge assembled, wishing to place upon record our deep sense of the magnitude of this loss, and our appreciation of the great services of this venerable patriarch of our Order — therefore,

Resolved, That the intelligence of the death of Past Grand Sire, Thomas Wilder, of Baltimore, the Father, Friend, and Benefactor of Odd Fellowship, has filled our hearts with emotions of sadness and profound regret.

Resolved, That the memory of our beloved Father and Benefactor should be cherished by every Odd Fellow, with the deepest feelings of gratitude, for his life-long services in the cause of Odd Fellowship ; for his untiring exertions in promoting the cause of true philanthropy ; for his early sacrifices of time and means ; and for the unexampled energy and zeal which he has uniformly exhibited through a long series of years in establishing and carrying forward to a glorious success the great work of humanity and benevolence, the fruits of which are now spread over this and other lands.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere sympathies to the members of the Order everywhere, in this, their and our great affliction ; hoping that the great example of his life and services may not be lost upon them, or upon ourselves.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of our deceased brother, our feelings of condolence and sympathy in this their great bereavement.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Lodges in this State, to drape their Lodge Rooms in mourning, and that the members wear the usual badges of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Whole number of Lodges reported for the year ending July 1, 1862, 24 ; number of initiations, 78 ; admitted by card, 6 ; withdrawn by card, 3 ; suspended, 81 ; expelled, 79 ; brothers relieved, 92 ; widowed families relieved, 12 ; brothers buried, 11 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$2,610 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$144.00 ; paid for burying the dead, \$262.-

00; total relief, \$2,950; revenue, \$4,870.00; funds on hand and invested, \$33,465.00; widow and orphan's fund, \$5,084; contributing members, 1,205; Past Grands, 360.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 11, 1863.

Officers present,—Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master; C. K. Ladd, Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*; N. G. Cummings, Grand Warden, *pro tem.*; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Past Grands, were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree:

James E. Haseltine, of Maine Lodge, No. 1; S. M. Sawyer, F. H. Morse, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4; Josiah Gatchell, of Relief, No. 8; D. G. Pillsbury, of Union, No. 35; Jerome B. Garland, Charles H. Nelson, Moses W. Webber, B. F. Day, of Laconia, No. 44; L. P. Haywood, C. H. White, of Carrabasset, No. 34; Charles Weatherbee, of Saco, No. 2; George G. Hartwell, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

The Grand Master submitted his annual report. He alluded to the encouraging fact that the Order in Maine at this time, is stronger in numbers, in funds, and in work than for many years past.

He recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge the expediency of providing by law, that the officers of Lodges shall commit the charges and Lectures of their offices to memory.

He stated that Astoria Lodge, No. 38, had surrendered its charter.

He further stated that no questions had been presented to him requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Representatives presented their report:

Twenty-six jurisdictions were represented by sixty Representatives from twenty-five Grand Lodges, and nineteen Grand Encampments.

It was decided that "the possession of the A. T. P. W., is a necessary qualification by an applicant for membership by deposit of card." Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes were prohibited from delivering or transmitting visiting or withdrawal cards to any person whatever, or to any Lodge or Encampment, excepting upon the order in writing of a Lodge or Encampment, signed by its Secretary or Scribe, and authenticated by its official seal. Grand Bodies whose territorial jurisdiction is contiguous or adjacent, were empowered to pass laws permitting Encampments and Lodges in other jurisdictions to initiate or admit to membership, persons whose residence, though not actually in said jurisdiction, is nearest to the place of location of such Encampment or Lodge. The report showed that the last note due from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States was paid during the session.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers with the following result :

Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Master ; John B. Nealley, Deputy Grand Master ; David Norton, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; D. B. Randall, Grand Chaplain ; Edward P. Burnham, Grand Representative.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

B. F. Day, Grand Marshal ; Louis Bunce, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) , No. 3, Benj. C. Stone ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5, George Webb ; No. 6, Charles Williams ; No. 7, Danforth Carrol ; No. 8, Grand Warden, (*ex-off.*).

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Past Grand David Norton, submitted an appeal from the action of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, which was referred to the committee on appeals. The facts as elicited were substantially as follows :

George H. Norton, a member of the above named Lodge, enlisted in the military service of the country, and while absent in the field, was taken sick and confined to the hospital three weeks, in October, 1861, and five weeks in June, 1862. Application being made for benefits, the Lodge refused to vote them, upon the ground that he was drawing pay from the government during his illness, and was therefore not within the rule of the Order entitling him to benefits.

The committee reported that this being a claim arising under circumstances that could not have been contemplated at the time the beneficiary system was established, no provisions could have been made for such contingences. The brother was in receipt of his usual pay during his sickness, consequently sustained the same relation toward the maintenance of his family, and was subjected to no unusual expense.

The committee submitted a resolution, that the action of the Lodge be sustained.

The resolution offered by the committee was rejected, and the Lodge was directed to pay the benefit claimed.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge are satisfied that the disuse of the working books in the Lodge room, and the delivery of the charges by the officers from memory, would add largely to the interest of the meetings, and the impressiveness of our excellent ritual.

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges are hereby directed to take such measures as will effect the proposed object, as far as they may find it practicable.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Past Grand Stephen Waite, of Ligonía Lodge, were adopted.

The death of Past Grand John Hutchins, was alluded to, and the name of each was ordered to be inserted in tablet form in the printed proceedings.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports of 22 Lodges for the year ending July 1, 1863, show the total number initiated, 114; admitted by card, 5; withdrawn by card, 3;

suspended, 52; expelled, 1; brothers relieved, 81; widowed families relieved, 14; brothers buried, 15; paid for relief of brothers, \$2,749.00; paid for relief of widowed families, \$145.00; paid for burying the dead, \$393.00; total relief, \$3,045.00; revenue, \$5,793.00; funds on hand and invested, \$33,717.00; widow and orphans fund, \$3,097.00; contributing members, 1,237; Past Grands, 337.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 9, 1864.

Officers present,—Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Master; John B. Nealley, Deputy Grand Master; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree: Charles H. Blake, of Maine Lodge, No. 1; A. M. McKenney, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4; Freeman C. Ham, Joseph R. Hanson, E. F. Nealley, S. N. Wyman, Abner Boston, of Olive Branch, No. 28.

The Grand Master made his annual report. He stated that the number of initiations the past year, was 101, but owing to suspension for non-payment of dues and other causes, there appeared a decrease in membership of 23. He further stated that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge was better than for some years past.

He said that no questions had been referred to him that required action of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Representative, E. P. Burnham, submitted the report of the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge, of the United States.

The report showed that twenty-seven jurisdictions were represented by seventy-three representatives, from twenty-seven Grand Lodges and twenty-one Grand Encampments.

A decision was made adverse to the claim for benefits of a widow whose husband has gained admission by misrepresenting his age. Also that a Lodge is bound to pay the funeral benefit when no expense is incurred in the burial of a

member. On appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Maryland—case of Charles Perego—the by-law is as follows : “every member of the Lodge, in case of being rendered incapable by sickness or accident of following any business whereby he may obtain a livelihood, shall be entitled during such sickness or disability to receive benefits” “It is admitted that brother Perego is able to attend to business of some kind, if it could be found for him.” It was decided “that the onus was upon the Lodge to show that brother Perego was competent to attend to some business of which he has sufficient knowledge to pursue successfully.

The committee on appeals reported on an appeal of brother Moses S. Marshall, from the action of Manufacturers and Mechanics Lodge in refusing him a card of clearance. The committee deemed the evidence on which the card of clearance was refused as not sufficient to warrant the Lodge to withhold the card. They recommended the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Manufacturers and Mechanics Lodge be directed to furnish brother M. S. Marshall, (all dues to the Lodge being discharged,) a card of clearance in due form—said card to date back to the time when the application was made therefor.

The resolution was adopted.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result :

John B. Nealley, Grand Master ; David Norton, Deputy Grand Master ; Nathaniel G. Cummings, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; D. B. Randall, Grand Chaplain ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representative.

The Grand officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

S. N. Wyman, Grand Marshal ; Charles Nutter, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, Grand Warden, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, William Cilley ; No. 4, Asher Ellis ; No. 5, Nahum Morrill ; No. 6, A. H. Williams ; No. 7, S. H. Busbee ; No. 8, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*).

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges be requested to examine into their system of dues and benefits for the purpose of ascertaining if the amounts received by them are sufficient to provide for benefits promised.

It was *voted*, That no brother, after this session, be admitted to the Grand Lodge unless he be clothed in Past Grand's regalia.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports of 22 Lodges for the year ending July 1, 1864, show number initiated, 92; admitted by card, 3; withdrawn by card, 2; suspended 43; expelled, 13; brothers relieved, 93; widowed families relieved, 15; brothers buried, 11; paid for relief of brothers, \$2,715.00; paid for relief of widowed families, \$137.00; paid for burying the dead, \$170.00; total relief, \$2,967.00; revenue, \$7,133.00; funds on hand and invested, \$37,453.00; widow and orphan's fund, \$3,876.00; contributing members, 1,219; Past Grands, 322.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

Saco, AUGUST 8, 1865.

Officers present—John B. Nealley, Grand Master; N. G. Cummings, Grand Warden; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary and Treasurer; E. P. Burnham, Grand Representative; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representative.

The following Past Grands were admitted, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

Charles M. Littlefield, Frank L. Harmon, Joseph D. Emery, of Saco Lodge, No. 2; Parker C. Wiggin, Edwin C. Frost, of Mousam, No. 26; George H. Abbott, of Olive Branch, No. 28; Reuben Ball, of Cumberland, No. 30; Benjamin Burton, of Union, No. 35; William R. Littlefield, Samuel P. H. White, Gardner C. Libby, of Laconia, No. 44.

The Grand Master read his annual communication. He alluded in fitting terms to the close of the civil war; to the great sacrifice

of life and treasure, and to the death of some of the best men in the country, whose lives had been sacrificed in the conflict.

On the return of peace, the Grand Master used the following language :

“But peace has come once more, to the great joy of us all. If any of us have differed as to the cause of the war, and the means used in the strife, all must—all do, rejoice in the return of the days of peace; and to us Odd Fellows, there is opened up a field of labor, appropriate to our profession of fraternal love, which we must not fail to occupy. A four year's of civil war must,—it has engendered much bitterness of feeling and ill will; it is ours to cultivate forgiveness, and forbearance—of love and good will—to use our influence, as Odd Fellows, both individually and through our organizations, to bring about an era of good feeling and fraternal love, throughout the land. This is our mission—to do what we may to hasten the day spoken of by Jeremiah, in figurative language,—“The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fattling together; and a little child shall lead them—they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” My brethren, that blessed day is not yet come; we may not see it, but we hope for it—labor and pray for it; and to bring it about in God's good time, is the mission of Odd Fellows.”

He alluded in fitting terms to the death of Past Grand Master, George W. Nichols, who departed this life October 27, 1864.

He stated that last January, Lincoln Lodge, No. 10, voted to divide their funds among the members and disband. Through the efforts of the District Deputy Grand Master, the books and charter had been secured. In reference to this transaction, the Grand Master said, “I consider the whole proceedings a lasting disgrace to all those who participated in them, and this Grand Lodge should brand all such proceedings as infamous.”

He further stated that through the untiring efforts of brother Elisha Clarke, Lincoln Lodge had been revived.

He stated Relief Lodge, No. 8, had ceased to exist, and wound up its concerns, divided its funds, &c.

He called attention to some singular transactions of Saccarappa Lodge, loaning their funds to the members, and suggested that the matter be investigated.

He called attention to the frequent and dishonorable practice of

Lodges dividing the funds collected, and designed only for the use of members of the Order who are sick or *in distress*, among their members who are neither sick or in distress; thus diverting the funds entrusted to their care, as *trustees*, from a benevolent purpose, to one not contemplated by those who contributed the funds, and suggested that the Grand Lodge take some action in the matter.

The Grand Representatives made their report, stating that they attended the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States at Boston, September, 1864. Twenty-seven jurisdictions were represented, by seventy-two representatives, from twenty-seven Grand Lodges, and twenty-one Grand Encampments.

DECISIONS.

"That a member of an extinct Lodge, who did not regularly withdraw therefrom prior to its extinction, can be admitted to membership only upon presentation of a card from the officers of the Grand Lodge under which the defunct Lodge existed."

"The customs and usages of the Order prohibit the initiation of a person whose physical deformity prevents a compliance with the requirements and laws of the Order. The decision of the question, as to the applicability of the general principles to special cases of particular deformity, rests with the local authorities, and especially with the Subordinate Lodges to which admission is asked."

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That Lodge or Encampment funds and property are held only in trust—that all attempts to divert the funds of a Lodge or Encampment from the specific objects for which collected, viz. : For "the benefits of sick brothers or brothers in distress," by dividing them, or appropriating them to other purposes, is a violation of the trust—that as trustees, Lodges and Encampments must apply their funds only to those objects; and if any Lodge or Encampment shall fail, from any cause, to work, the money and property, with the charter, must be surrendered to the Grand Body from which it derived its charter—that State Grand Bodies are required to enact proper laws to enforce obedience to these resolutions, and to disqualify persons violating such laws from all future connections with the Order; and if necessary, to invoke the aid of the laws of the country.

Resolved, That the several jurisdictions, Subordinate to this Grand Lodge, are hereby recommended to provide such suitable legislation as may be requisite to enable working Lodges or Encampments to receive, as non-beneficial members, such members of defunct Lodges and Encampments, as were in good standing at the time of the dissolution of their respective Lodges or Encampments, and who, by reason of their advanced age, are now ineligible to beneficial membership.

The following resolutions on the death of Past Grand Master, George W. Nichols, were adopted :

Resolved, That the long and faithful services of Past Grand Master Nichols, in the cause of Odd Fellowship, merit the grateful remembrance of the members of the Grand Lodge. Those services cover the whole period of the existence of the Order in the State.

Resolved, That the sympathy of the members of the Grand Lodge, is respectfully tendered to the widow of Past Grand Master Nichols.

Resolved, That a page in our printed proceedings be devoted to his memory.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this year be sent to the widow of Past Grand Master Nichols.

The following Grand Officers were then elected :

John B. Nealley, Grand Master ; Nathaniel G. Cummings, Deputy Grand Master ; J. W. Sargent, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; George W. Farr, Grand Chaplain ; Edward P. Burnham, Grand Representative.

The appeals of Past Grand Henry F. Sands, from the action of Maine Lodge, of Past Grand S. S. Rich, from the action of Ancient Brothers Lodge, and of Manufacturers and Mechanics Lodge, from the action of the Grand Lodge at the last session, were presented and referred to the committee on appeals.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Officers elect were installed into their respective chairs.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

B. F. Day, Grand Marshal ; Charles Nutter, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS :

District No. 1, Grand Master, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 2, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.* ;) No. 3, William Cilley ; No. 4, Elisha Clarke ;

No. 5, Nahum Morrell; No. 6, A. H. Williams; No. 7, Samuel G. Hills; No. 8, J. W. Humphrey.

On the appeal of Past Grand S. S. Rich, from the action of Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4, the committee made two reports.

The question was upon the proper construction of a by-law of said Lodge, which provided that the by-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present. The majority of the committee took the ground that the language of the article referred to, meant "two-thirds of the members present and voting," and that those members who did not vote, or who refused to vote, should not be considered as present. They recommended that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Lodge sustained. The minority of the committee reported that the appeal should be sustained, and the action of the Lodge reversed. The minority report was adopted.

The same committee reported on an appeal of Manufacturers and Mechanics Lodge, in the case of Moses S. Marshall, which was decided adversely to the Lodge at the last session, that the action of said Lodge was correct in expelling said Marshall, and that the decision of the Grand Lodge of last year be reversed, and the appeal of brother Marshall be dismissed.

The report was adopted.

The same committee reported on an appeal of brother Henry F. Sands, from the action of Maine Lodge, in declaring him not a legal member of said Lodge, for the reason that he was admitted on a clearance card issued by Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, after said Lodge had become defunct, by dividing its funds and breaking up its organization. The committee reported that the action of Maine Lodge was correct, and ought to be sustained.

The report was adopted.

On recommendation of the committee on the State of the Order, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the several Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction are hereby recommended and authorized to provide, by suitable by-laws, for the admission

into their Lodges, as non-beneficial members, such members of defunct Lodges as were in good standing at the time of the dissolution of their respective Lodges, and who, by reason of their advanced age, are now ineligible to beneficial membership.

The following report was presented and accepted :

The special committee to whom was referred the case of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to report : That the members of this Lodge, in April, 1864, voted to sell their investments, (about \$900.00,) which were safely secured, and drawing at least six per cent. interest, and loan them, as they termed it, in an equal proportion to each member, (amounting to about \$38.00 each,) on ninety-nine years, without interest. This action Saccarappa Lodge maintained was a legitimate *business* transaction, into which the Grand Lodge has no right to inquire—that if they paid their dues to the Grand Lodge it was *all* that was required of them.

Your committee cannot so view the matter. They look upon it as a capitation division of the funds without the remotest intention on their part of ever again making them available for the sacred purposes for which they were gathered—intended by them as an evasion ; but to our minds, a practical abandonment of the Order and its principles. For this unwarrantable and dishonest procedure, your committee declare that the charter of said Lodge is most justly forfeited, and they recommend that the most Worthy Grand Master be instructed to reclaim it, together with the working Books, &c. Nevertheless, your committee are desirous of saving Saccarappa Lodge to the Order, if possible, and therefore further recommend that the Most Worthy Grand Master be further instructed to return the same to such members of Saccarappa Lodge, (the number to be not less than five,) as shall previously pay into a new fund the amount of money that they received in said division.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
BENJ. KINGSBURY, JR.,
W. C. BECKETT,
BENJ. F. DAY,
R. COLE.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Past Grand George T. Hedge were adopted, and it was directed that a suitable notice of our departed brother be inserted in a tablet form in the printed proceedings.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports of 20 Lodges for the year ending July 1, 1865, show total number initiated, 91 ; admitted by card, 3 ; withdrawn by card, 5 ; suspended, 28 ; expelled, 8 ; re-instated, 2 ; rejected, 2 ; brothers relieved,

87; widowed families relieved, 9; brothers buried, 15; amount paid for relief of brothers, \$2,578.00; amount paid for relief of widowed families \$193.00; amount paid for burying the dead, \$248.00; total amount of relief, \$2,997.00; money received, \$5,238.00; funds on hand and invested, \$35,409.00; widow and orphan's fund, \$4,324.00; contributing members, 1,146; Past Grands, 383.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST, 11, 1866.

Officers present,—John B. Nealley, Grand Master; Nathaniel G. Cummings, Deputy Grand Master; J. W. Sargent, Grand Warden; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Past Grands were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree:

George H. Walden, J. K. Merrill, Freedom Nash, of Maine Lodge, No. 1; John W. Adams, of Olive Branch, No. 28; Charles A. Williams, of Carrabasset, No. 34; Hiram B. Smith, of Laconia, No. 44; Isaac A. Johnson, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

The Grand Master submitted his report. He stated that the true men of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, had revived the Lodge, and it is now in full fellowship with the Grand Lodge.

He further stated that no questions had been submitted to him for his official opinion.

The Grand Representatives submitted their report, stating that they attended the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States at Baltimore, Sept., 1865. Thirty-three jurisdictions were represented. The jurisdictions of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Kentucky, unrepresented since 1860, were again represented, and their Representatives gladly received. The Wildey monument was dedicated Sept. 20.

DECISIONS.

"A Grand Lodge may authorize a subordinate Lodge, under its jurisdiction, to initiate persons residing in another jurisdiction, adjacent to the Lodge applied to,

provided that on all occasions the consent of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master of the jurisdiction where the applicant resides, has been obtained ; and provided further, that the Lodge applied to is nearer the residence of the applicant than any Lodge in the jurisdiction in which he is a citizen."

"If the local law so provides, a Lodge may go through its regular business, close in due form, and then open and confer any of the degrees."

"It is the duty of a subordinate to obey the decisions of its Grand Lodge, which are final and conclusive, until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon proper appeal thereto. Pending such appeal the subordinate is not entitled to any privileges other than those accorded to it by its Grand Lodge, which may enforce its decisions by demanding the charter and effects of the subordinate for noncompliance with the decision appealed from."

"A candidate for membership in the Order, who has been elected in a Lodge where he resides cannot be initiated in a Lodge located where he may have a temporary residence, upon request of the Lodge electing him, but all initiations must take place in the Lodge in which the applicant is elected."

"Where a Grand Master and Grand Representative of the same jurisdiction, each at different times, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, instruct a subordinate Lodge, or a D. D. G. Master, in the secret work of the Order, and their instructions differ, the instructions of the Grand Master, as the supreme authority of the jurisdiction, are to be followed."

"A brother who has been expelled for non-payment of dues, or crime, from a Lodge which subsequently becomes extinct, can only regain membership in the Order through the Grand Lodge, to which the Lodge he belonged to was subordinate ; and this rule applies to the Patriarchal branch of the Order."

"Satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order must come from the Lodge of which the brother was formerly a member, or in the event of such evidence being inaccessible by reason of its being defunct, or otherwise, then from the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction the subordinate existed. In case the applicant is unable to obtain the requisite evidence from either of these sources, then he may make petition for admission into the Order by initiation,"

"Subordinate Lodges or Encampments shall vote by ballot upon all applications for final cards, made in accordance with existing laws ; and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of the card." "Should, upon such ballot, a majority of the members present refuse their consent to the granting of a final card to an applicant therefor, such applicant, upon the payment of all dues and tendering a written resignation of his membership, and not being otherwise disqualified, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary or Scribe, under seal, a certificate that he has resigned his membership ; and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation ; *provided*, That upon the refusal of a Lodge or Encampment to grant such withdrawal card, the member applying for the same shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of his jurisdiction."

"Expired withdrawal cards may be received on deposit for applications for charter of subordinate Lodges; and for charters for subordinate Encampments, where the holders of such cards are contributing members of subordinate Lodges."

The following Grand Officers were then elected and installed :

Nathaniel G. Cummings, Grand Master ; Jefferson W. Sargent, Deputy Grand Master ; Nathaniel H. Colton, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Richard Cole, Grand Chaplain ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

John W. Adams, Grand Marshal ; Isaac A. Johnson, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, E. D. Wight ; No. 4, Elisha Clarke ; No. 5, Nahum Morrill ; No. 6, Henry Plummer ; No. 7, Samuel G. Hills ; No. 8, Grand Warden, (*ex-off.*).

Past Grand Master Clarke, offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, to consider and report to the Grand Lodge, whether Lincoln Lodge, No. 10, should be re-imbursed for money deposited with the Grand Treasurer by Past Grand John T. Gilman, then a member of Lincoln Lodge ; the said money being that portion of the fund of Lincoln Lodge assigned to said brother Gilman.

The Grand Master appointed as said committee, Past Grand Master Kingsbury, and Past Grand Day and Doe.

On motion of Past Grand Master Burnham, the question of refunding to Saccarappa Lodge the money paid to the Grand Treasurer by Past Grand Henry F. Sands, a former member of said Lodge was referred to the same committee.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to whom was referred the question of refunding

to Lincoln Lodge, No. 10, and Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, the amounts paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge by certain members of said Lodges on the division of the funds, reported that owing to some conflict as to the facts, and the brief period allowed them for consideration, they were unable to reach such conclusion as the importance of the case seemed to demand. They therefore recommended the passage of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and the R. W. Grand Secretary are hereby authorized to examine the claims of the above Lodges, during the recess, and to award such amounts as, to them, may be deemed legal and equitable.

The resolution was adopted.

The death of Past Grand Andrew T. Dole was announced, and it was voted that a memorial tablet be inserted in the printed proceedings.

The Finance Committee reported, amount in the Treasury \$312.15.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The returns from 20 Lodges, for the year ending July 1, 1866, show number initiated, 121; admitted by card, 2, withdrawn by card, 11; suspended, 28; expelled, 28; brothers relieved, 101; widowed families relieved, 9; brothers buried, 17; paid for relief of brothers, \$4,383.00; paid for relief of widowed families, \$191.00; paid for burying the dead, \$360.00; total amount of relief, \$4,847.00; money received, \$7,754.00; funds on hand and invested, \$37,389.00: widow and orphan's fund, \$4,065.00; contributing members. 1,207; Past Grands, 285.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 13, 1867.

Officers present—N. G. Cummings, Grand Master; J. W. Sargent, Deputy Grand Master; N. H. Colton, Grand Warden; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

Wm. H. Smith, Charles B. Nash, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Wm. J. Bradford, of Saco, No. 2 ; Andrew J. Cummings, Addison Frye, Oren B. Whitten, Jotham R. Gribbin, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; N. S. Morse, of Lincoln, No. 10 ; Wm. R. Harmon, of Saccarappa, No. 11 ; Wm. W. Keyes, John W. Shaw, of Olive Branch, No. 28 ; S. D. Sayward, of Carrabasset, No. 34 ; Simon E. Daggett, Jesse Drake, Ziba Simmons, of Union, No. 35 ; James Read, S. F. Parcher, of Laconia, No. 44 ; Geo. A. Callahan, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

The Grand Master made his annual report :

He stated that he had been unable to obtain a meeting of the Grand Officers named in the resolution in regard to the claims of Lincoln and Saccarappa Lodges, and therefore brought the subject again before the Grand Lodge.

He recommended that the money paid into the treasury of the Grand Lodge by Past Grand Sands, be returned to Saccarappa Lodge, and the amount paid by Past Grand Gilman, be returned to Lincoln Lodge.

He reported the following decisions :

1. Each Lodge has the power of determining the question whether a proposition for membership may be withdrawn while in the hands of the investigating committee. After the committee has reported, it cannot be withdrawn.

2. The Lodge can re-commit a report to the investigating committee, and they are required to report as soon as practicable ; but a proposition cannot be withdrawn after the report has been re-committed.

3. The N. G. cannot *compel* the Lodge to accept a report of a committee. All committees are amenable to the Lodge for the manner they perform their duties. If any committee fails to discharge its duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge, it may be discharged.

4. A ballot must be had in all cases, whether the investigating committee report favorably or unfavorably. In case of rejection, it is the duty of the Recording Secretary to immediately notify each Lodge in the vicinity, giving the name of each person rejected.

5. In case of the refusal of the Vice Grand and all Past Grands and Past Vice Grands to take the office of Noble Grand, any brother of the Scarlet Degree, in good standing, may be elected Noble Grand.

[The 5th decision is undoubtedly correct as far as it goes, but in order to be entirely so, there should be appended thereto the following : "*Provided*, however,

that a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs." (See Digest 1334, 1335).]

At the election of officers in Lincoln Lodge, No. 10, the present N. G., was elected Noble Grand for the ensuing term, over the present Vice Grand. D. D. Grand Master Clarke ruled that the election was null and void, on the ground that the retiring N. G., could not constitutionally be an eligible candidate for the office, while a V. G., P. V. G., or P. G., were still standing for the election, and that the Noble Grand was not a Past Officer until he actually takes the chair of the P. G.

The Grand Master approved the decision of the District Deputy.

The decisions of the Grand Master, after having been referred to appropriate committees, were approved. The recommendation in regard to the money received by the Grand Secretary of Past Grands Gilman and Sands, was also approved.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received the charter and books of Relief Lodge, No. 8. He had also learned that Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, had disorganized, and divided its funds among the few members who remained.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

The report set forth that for the first time since 1860, the Grand Lodge of the United States had representations from every subordinate Grand Body, except the British Lower Provinces, and a spirit of harmony and progress was manifested, such as has not been exhibited for many years.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions, made by the M. W. Grand Sire, during the recess, were confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

1. When the constitution of a Grand Body designates and fixes the place of its meetings, and that instrument is amended so as to permit the Grand Body to determine by resolution, or otherwise where its sessions shall be held, such amendment must be approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and until approved, the Grand Body, must continue to meet at the place required by its constitution prior to the adoption of the amendment.

2. In all cases where a Lodge is about to ballot for a brother to receive his degrees, to be conferred either in that Lodge or in a Degree Lodge, the Lodge must close in the initiatory degree, previous to opening in the degrees to be balloted for.

3. When a Lodge is open in the first degree, and has concluded the business to

be transacted in such degree, and desires to open in the second degree, the Lodge must close in the first degree before opening in the second degree, in the manner and form prescribed by the Degree Charge book—and the same rule applies to all degrees.

4. The proceedings of a Lodge, when open in the degrees, may be read and approved at such time as the local law may provide, either at the same meeting at which the proceedings took place, and before closing in the particular degree, or at a subsequent meeting, when open in that degree.

5. Certificates issued to members of an extinct subordinate, by the proper officers of the State Grand Body, in conformity with the existing laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, do not require the counter-signature of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to make them available, but all such certificates are to be recognized by every subordinate to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them—as having the same force and effect, and entitling the holders thereof to all the privileges of a card of withdrawal issued by an existing subordinate in good standing.

6. The force and effect of the law regulating membership in the Patriarchal branch of the Order is not checked or destroyed by the neglect or failure of the Secretary of a Lodge to give notice to an Encampment of either the granting of a withdrawal card to one of its members who is also a member of an Encampment, at the renewal of membership in a Lodge by deposit of card, but that whenever an Encampment is satisfied of the fact, in whatever form it may be presented, of the withdrawal of one of its members from a Lodge, or the renewal of his membership in a Lodge, in either case it is sufficient under the existing law to establish the status of the Encampment membership.

7. The A. T. P. W. required of a brother to prove himself in possession of when he offers to visit a subordinate on a visiting or unexpired withdrawal card or is an applicant for membership therein by deposit of a proper card, is the A. T. P. W., of the year in which the card was issued and bears date.

8. In reply to a question “whether a Lodge after its adjournment can go through and rehearse the *old* initiatory ceremony to its members?” I gave it as my opinion that the rehearsal in any of the halls or Lodge rooms of the Order of any work which is not the present recognized work in use, and prescribed as such by the Grand Lodge of the United States is clearly against all propriety, and that such a practice is highly censurable, improper and irregular, and should not be permitted by the Grand Officers of a Grand Body.

9. My opinion has been asked from several quarters, whether raffles, lotteries, gift enterprises, &c., gotten up by hall associations and Lodges, ostensibly for building halls, &c., were not in violation of the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, prescribing the manner and form of asking relief by subordinates, and invoking my official interposition in suppressing such schemes.

I gave it as my opinion that they were not inhibited by the law referred to, unless there was an evident design to evade the law by resorting to such schemes

for the purpose of obtaining relief, where the requisite permission could not be obtained from the proper authorities, and that it was competent for the State Grand Bodies to prohibit such schemes emanating from their jurisdiction, or being laid before their subordinates, when coming from any other jurisdiction.

The following decisions were also made by the Grand Lodge, either by the adoption of reports or by direct resolution :

That "satisfactory evidence of former connection with the Order," within the meaning of the law, must come from the Lodge of which the brother was formerly a member, or, in the event of such evidence being inaccessible by reason of being defunct or otherwise, then from the Grand Body under whose jurisdiction the subordinate existed. And should neither of these be accessible or attainable, then such evidence shall be regulated for each of the State Grand jurisdictions by the Grand bodies thereof.

That a card stating the rank of the holder thereof is not sufficient or conclusive evidence to entitle him to the privileges such rank confers ; he must be proved in the work of the degree expressed on the card.

Provided, however, if the card states the holder thereof to be a Past Grand, and he shall not be able to prove himself in the work of that degree, from not having received it, the fact as set forth in the card shall be sufficient evidence to entitle him to the privileges such rank confers.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to election of officers and the following was the result :

J. W. Sargent, Grand Master. N. H. Colton, Deputy Grand Master ; James E. Haseltine, Grand Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Richard Cole, Grand Chaplain ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Representative.

The Grand officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

J. W. Adams, Grand Marshal ; S. F. Parcher, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, Grand Master, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, Grand Warden, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3. B. C. S one ; No. 4, Elisha Clarke ; No. 5, A. C. Pray ; No. 6, B. M. Hight ; No. 7, S. G. Hills ; No. 8, Deputy Grand Master, (*ex-off.*)

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Finance committee reported, amount in the treasury, \$401.99.

The committee on appeals reported on an appeal of Joseph L. Ricker, from the action of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 28, and recommended that the action of the Lodge be sustained, and the appeal dismissed.

The report was adopted.

The same committee reported on communication of Wm. H. Purinton, that they had given him a hearing, and in the absence of any papers bearing upon the case, deemed further action unnecessary.

The report was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Secretary in their report, recommended that the quarterly and A. T. P. W. be withheld from Pejepscot Lodge, until such time as it shall make its returns and pay its dues to the Grand Lodge.

The committee denounced in severe terms the action of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6, in dividing their funds, and recommended that the Lodge be expelled.

The report and recommendations were adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be and they are hereby instructed to use their best efforts to procure an amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, reducing the Representative tax.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby instruct their Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to vote against any proposition to abolish the Degree of Rebekah.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports of Subordinate Lodges, for the year ending July 1, 1867, show number initiated, 275 ; admitted by card, 12 ; withdrawn by card, 9 ; suspended, 45 ; expelled, 3 ; brothers relieved, 89 ; widowed families

relieved, 4; brothers buried, 12; paid for relief of brothers, \$2,949.00; paid for relief of widowed families, \$113.00; paid for burying the dead, \$220.00; total relief, \$3,439.00; invested fund, \$40,033.00; widow and orphan's fund, \$4,774.00; amount of receipts, \$8,547.00; contributing members, 1,452.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 11, 1868.

Officers present—J. W. Sargent, Grand Master; N. H. Colton, Deputy Grand Master; J. E. Haseltine, Grand Warden; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

The committee on elections and returns reported that the following Past Grands had proper credentials, and recommended that they be admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree:

Charles Holden, Stephen Marsh, Roscoe W. Turner, of Maine Lodge, No. 1; Charles H. Ford, William L. L. Gill, Albert M. Starbird, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4; Henry W. Hersey, John F. Sherry, Abel Sawyer, Charles E. Webster, of Ligonias, No. 5; E. H. Fogg, of Penobscot, No. 7; Bainbridge P. Brown, of Lincoln, No. 10; F. A. Bettis, of Saccarappa, No. 11; William H. Durgin, of Olive Branch, No. 28; Benj. C. Stone, of Cumberland, No. 30; William Green, of Union, No. 35; Joseph N. Pierson, of Laconia, No. 44; Eli B. Bean, of Pequawket, No. 46; W. H. Greenough, Wyatt Weed, of Oriental, No. 60; John D. Johnson, John Holt, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

The following Past Grands were then admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree:

Charles Holden, Stephen Marsh, Charles H. Ford, H. W. Hersey, John F. Sherry, E. H. Fogg, Bainbridge P. Brown, W. H. Durgin, Benj. C. Stone, William Green, W. H. Greenough, John D. Johnson, John Holt, Wyatt Weed.

The Grand Master then read his annual report.

He stated that he had made the following decisions:

1. That by a true construction of our laws the widow and orphan's fund should be kept separate from the general fund.

2. That a brother, temporarily leaving the Lodge room during the session of the Lodge, should, on his return, make his address to the chair.

3. That a member of a Lodge in this State, having taken the first three Degrees, but now a resident of California, and wishing to get the other two Degrees of the Order, could do so by paying for them in the Lodge of which he is a member, and they sending him a certificate for them to some Degree Lodge in the State, where he is now a resident.

The Grand Master recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the propriety of changing the quarterly pass-word, to a term pass-word.

The Grand Secretary reported that Pejepscot Lodge had broken up their organization, and distributed about \$400, among the remaining 9 or 10 members, disposed of their other property, and thus cut themselves loose from the restraints and benevolent requirements of the Order, which, under their obligation as honorable men, they were bound to respect.

Report of the Grand Representatives.

The report shows that the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last communication, was composed of 110 members, representing forty Grand Lodges, and thirty Grand Encampments. It was the largest attendance since the organization of the Order. The re-union of the Order, suspended during the war, is once more perfect, never, we trust, to be again ruptured.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions of the Grand Sire, made during the recess, were confirmed by the Grand Lodge :

Public installations cannot be held unless the State Grand Body has given consent to subordinates to have the same ; and where the Grand Master has forbidden the same, the Grand Sire has no power to interfere with his decision. The decision of the Grand Master is binding until reversed by his Grand Lodge—unless his decision is in direct conflict with the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Lodge to which the applicant belongs is entitled to the fees for degrees.

No Lodge has the right to give a certificate to receive the degrees until the fees are paid. It is the duty of any Lodge, upon the presentation of a duly authenticated degree certificate, if the brother is in good standing, to confer the degrees upon the candidate holding and presenting such certificate.

The Noble Grand of a Lodge has no power to set aside any part of the consti-

tution of his Lodge. The objectionable section must be repealed or amended in the manner provided for in said constitution, and is binding on him and his Lodge until so repealed or amended.

A Grand Lodge has no right to grant more than *one ballot*, and *one reconsideration* of the same, to a candidate for membership in a Subordinate Lodge.

A Grand Lodge has no right to require a residence for any definite period before a brother can deposit a withdrawal card from a sister jurisdiction. A law of such a character is in direct violation of our principles.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, having decided by her constitution the necessary qualifications for membership in the Order, no Grand Body has the right to change the same.

A person who has lost *an arm* is not eligible for membership into the Order by initiation.

The Grand Sire also gave a decision relative to the informal closing of the initiatory degree, when about to ballot for degrees. But the Grand Lodge refused to affirm his decision, and in lieu thereof, adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Subordinate Lodge, before proceeding to ballot to advance brothers in the degrees, must be closed in the initiatory degree in form and manner prescribed in the charge book, and after having regularly closed in the form provided, the Lodge must then be opened in the degree or degrees applied for, in the form and manner provided in the Degree charge book, page 3, and shall not be opened again in the initiatory.

The following Grand Officers were elected :

N. H. Colton, Grand Master ; James E. Haseltine, Deputy Grand Master ; J. W. Adams, Grand Warden ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; J. A. Fenderson, Grand Chaplain ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representative.

The Grand Officers elect, with the exception of the Grand Warden, who was absent, were then installed.

On motion of P. G. M. Burnham, it was

Resolved, That P. G. Master Nealley, is authorized and requested to install P. G., J. W. Adams, as Grand Warden, and send a certificate thereof to the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Charles H. Rich, Grand Marshal ; A. N. Yeaton, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, J. W. Adams, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, James E. Haz-

eltine, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, E. C. Bean ; No. 4, B. P. Brown ; No. 5, A. C. Pray ; No. 6, B. M. Hight ; No. 7, S. G. Hills ; No. 8, N. H. Colton, (*ex-off.*).

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, and R. W. Grand Secretary, be authorized to employ suitable brethren to visit the various subordinates in the State, and to endeavor to resuscitate defunct Lodges, and that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

P. G. Yeaton, submitted the following questions, which were referred to the committee on the State of the Order :

"Can a Lodge grant a duplicate card without any evidence, that the first, (or original) has been lost?"

"A candidate having been proposed, accepted, and notified to appear for initiation, can another Lodge entertain a proposition for membership from that candidate, without the consent of the Lodge where he has been accepted, they knowing the fact?"

The committee in their report answered both questions in the negative. Adopted.

The same committee reported adversely to making a change from the quarterly to semi-annual pass-word.

This portion of the report was not adopted, but instead thereof, the following was passed :

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master is hereby instructed to issue the term pass-word semi-annually instead of quarterly, commencing the first day of January, A. D. 1869.

On motion of P. G. M. Cummings,

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to vote for the pending amendment to Article XIV., Section 2, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, relating to the representative tax.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Whole number Lodges reported for the year ending July 1, 1866, 20 ; total initiations, 303 ; admitted by card, 7 ; suspended, 21 ; expelled, 2 ; brothers relieved, 114 ; widowed families relieved, 9 ; brothers buried, 20 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$3,763.80 ; paid for relief of widowed families,

\$223.50 ; paid for burying the dead, \$453.50 ; total relief, \$4,360.80 ; invested funds, \$42,521.03 ; widow and orphan's fund, \$3,732.98 ; amount of receipts, \$11,959.08 ; contributing members, 1,705.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 10, 1869.

Officers present—N. H. Colton, Grand Master ; J. E. Haseltine, Deputy Grand Master ; J. W. Adams, Grand Warden ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; C. H. Rich, Grand Marshal.

The following Past Grands were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

Charles R. Goodell, Roscoe W. Turner, William Fessenden, W. G. Norris, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; John R. Carpenter, of Saco, No. 2 ; Orlando W. Eldridge, John F. McCallar, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Peter W. Stoneham, Abial H. Stanley, of Li-gonia, No. 5 ; G. F. Marriner, N. R. Martin, of Saccarappa, No. 11 ; J. G. Osgood, of Olive Branch, No. 28 ; C. F. Moore, Edwin Meserve, of Laconia, No. 44 ; Levi Daniels, of Union, No. 35 ; Phineas Bachelder, of Oriental, No. 60.

The Grand Master read his annual communication.

He stated that he had given permission to organize a Rebekah Degree Lodge at Saccarappa. He had granted a dispensation for a new Lodge at Milo under the name of Dirigo Lodge, No. 63. He submitted the following question : If a brother of a defunct Lodge holds a card granted him by the Grand Lodge, does that card entitle the brother to admission, as a visitor, into any regular Lodge of Odd Fellows ? He called attention to the discarding of the apron, and expressed strong disapproval of the measure. He recommended that the Grand Representatives be instructed to use all honorable means for its restoration.

He stated that Pejepsco Lodge, No. 13, had surrendered its charter.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

The report of the Grand Representatives showed that they had the pleasure of meeting, at the annual session, Representatives from every State in the Union, and from the District of Columbia and from the two Grand Lodges in the Dominion of Canada.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1868.

Number of Lodges,.....	3,195
Number initiated,.....	40,080
Number of deaths,.....	2,322
Number of members,.....	245,036
Number of brothers relieved,.....	21,344
Number of widowed families relieved,.....	3,911
Amount paid for relief of brothers,.....	\$458,538.48
Amount paid for relief of widowed families,.....	113,275.02
Amount paid for education of orphans,.....	19,957.26
Amount paid for burying the dead,.....	103,847.50
Total relief,.....	695,618.26
Total receipts,.....	\$2,110,951.66

DECISIONS OF THE GRAND SIRE.

First. The seal of a Lodge or Encampment is in the official care of the Secretary or Scribe. They have no right to use the same, except as authorized by their Lodge or Encampment, or in the legitimate business of the Lodge or Encampment where it may be necessary to use the seal.

Second. A certificate to authorize a brother to receive his degrees away from the location of his Lodge, can only be granted by application to his Lodge at a regular session. When open as a Degree Lodge the application cannot be made.

Third. A brother in possession of a traveling or visiting card is not thereby deprived of holding office, or of his rights as a member of his Lodge.

Fourth. Traveling or visiting cards are only intended to be used by a brother when traveling or visiting beyond his State jurisdiction.

The A. T. P. W. cannot be used by a brother while visiting a Lodge within his own State, and a N. G. of a Lodge within the same jurisdiction would be justified in refusing to admit the brother unless he has the P. W. of the term.

Fifth. The R. H. S. of the N. G. temporarily occupying the N. G.'s chair has no right to authorize a brother to confer the term-word upon another brother of the same Lodge to enable him to visit other Lodges.

Sixth. There is no such rule in the Order "as to change the place of trial of the brother." He must be tried in the Lodge or Encampment where he is a member, and where the charges are preferred. No other Lodge or Encampment has jurisdiction in the matter.

Seventh. A D. D. Grand Sire has no right by virtue of his office, to take the G. P.'s chair in an Encampment. He can only take such chair when surrendered to him for installation of the officers.

Eighth. A brother holding a traveling or visiting card is entitled in visiting to use the A. T. P. W. in force at the time his card was granted.

Ninth. An officer elected cannot be installed by proxy.

Tenth. A special Deputy appointed to institute a Lodge or Encampment fulfils his duty when such Lodge or Encampment is instituted, and he has made report of the same.

Eleventh. All members of the Order are in duty bound, while in their Lodge or Encampment, to be governed by the well-known usages of the Order, and in case of their refusal, it is proper to prefer charges against them for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. No member can claim indulgence on account of his official position in the Order.

The Grand Lodge approved these decisions, but added to the *sixth*, the following qualification :

"Except in subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges, whose by-laws make provision for changes of venue.

The report showed that the effort made to reduce the Representative tax from seventy-five to fifty dollars, failed. A law was passed authorizing the establishment of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, and rules prescribed for their organization.

The following resolution, offered by Rep. Bristow, of Oregon was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter, in the designation of the name and rank of brethren of the Order, the title or rank of the brother shall be placed after, instead of before the name, as has hitherto been practiced.

The decision of the Grand Sire made at the previous session, making the loss of an arm a disqualification for membership, was reversed, and Lodges allowed a discretion in the matter. It was decided to establish a flag, which should be known everywhere as the official banner of the Order. A law was passed dispensing with the apron, except in the initiatory and the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees, and also changing the regalia in other respects. It was enacted that when a financial officer of a subordinate Lodge refuses to settle his accounts, he cannot of right demand a card of clearance, and a Lodge may refuse to grant such card until the brothers' accounts are adjusted. State jurisdictions were directed to so amend their laws that brothers shall not be expelled for non-payment of dues. The holder of a visiting card is now entitled to the term password from the Noble Grand, or the check-word from any chief Patriarch in his own jurisdiction. It was decided that donations made to assist petitioning brothers or Patriarchs by the parent or other Lodges and Encampments is allowable. It was resolved to hold the next session of the Grand Lodge in San Francisco.

After the above report, the Grand Lodge proceeded to nomination, election and installation of officers, with the following result :

James E. Haseltine, Grand Master ; John W. Adams, Deputy Grand Master ; David W. Babb, Grand Warden ; Orin B. Whit-

ten, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; Harris C. Barnes, Grand Chaplain ; Joseph K. Merrill, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

George A. Callahan, Grand Marshal.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, J. W. Adams, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, J. E. Haseltine, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, Russell Lamson ; No. 4, Nathaniel S. Morse ; No. 5, George A. Callahan ; No. 7, S. G. Hill ; No. 8, Edmund Fogg.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of P. G. M. Cummings,

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized and empowered to institute Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, at such places as he may deem proper, within this jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. M. Ladd,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, be a committee to procure, for the use of this Grand Lodge, a set of Grand Officers Regalia and Jewels.

The constitution of Subordinate Lodges was amended by striking out the provision for expelling members for non-payment of dues.

A resolution was adopted, instructing the Grand Representatives to urge the restoration of the apron to the regalia of the Order.

It was ordered that the next session of this Grand Lodge, be held at Biddeford.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was fixed at one hundred dollars, and the Grand Treasurer, at fifteen dollars for the present year.

The Finance committee reported amount in the treasury to be \$977.97.

On motion of P. G. Master, Kingsbury,

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to furnish their annual report to the Grand Secretary, in the month of October next, and that the Grand Secretary insert said report as an appendix to the printed proceedings of this session.

The committee on the State of the Order, reported in favor of instructing the Grand Representatives, to vote in favor of the restoration of the apron.

To the inquiry, "Has a member, suspended for non-payment of dues, a right to re-instate himself by paying up his dues, without a vote of the Lodge?" the committee reported that this Grand Lodge has provided, by a constitutional provision, that a member suspended for non-payment of dues, shall not be re-instated without a vote of the Lodge which suspended him.

To the question of N. H. Colton, P. G. Master :

A member of a defunct Lodge, holding a card granted by the R. W. Grand Secretary,—does said card entitle the member to admission into any Lodge as a visitor ?

The committee reported that the rights of a former member of a defunct Lodge, holding a State card, are the same under said card as are possessed by the holder of a card of withdrawal, issued by an existing subordinate in good standing.

The report was adopted.

The committee on appeals reported on the appeal of John Cobby, from the decision of Mousam Lodge, No. 26, whereby he was suspended for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, sustaining the Lodge, and dismissing the appeal. Report adopted.

A charter was granted to Dirigo Lodge, No. 63.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

The reports of 20 Lodges for the year ending July 1, 1869, show number initiated, 386; admitted by card, 16; suspended, 61; brothers relieved, 128; widowed families relieved, 17; brothers buried, 20; paid for

relief of brothers, \$3,939.94; paid for relief of widowed families, \$309.00; paid for burying the dead, \$525.00; total relief, \$4,746.94; amount of receipts, \$14,355.49; widow and orphan's fund, \$1,251.60; invested funds, \$48,228.93; contributing members, 1,780.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

Our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in their report stated that they attended the session at San Francisco, Sept., 1869. They gave a glowing account of the honors shown the Representatives at Omaha, of their journey across the mountains, of their stop at Sacramento, and the magnificent reception in San Francisco; also that during the entire session of the Grand Lodge, every courtesy and attention was bestowed upon that body and its members by the Order in California.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions made by the Grand Sire during the year were confirmed by the Grand Lodge :

A brother of the scarlet degree, in good standing, desiring a certificate of his grade, to enable him to join an Encampment, is entitled to receive the same from the Secretary of the Lodge in due form upon application, and no vote of the Lodge is necessary for such certificate.

The Grand Sire has no power to authorize royal purple degree members to wear aprons at the celebration on the 26th of April, 1869, or on any other occasion.

The Grand Sire has no power to authorize subordinates, under the jurisdiction of State Grand Bodies, to apply to sister Lodges outside the jurisdiction for pecuniary aid for building Odd Fellow's halls.

The costumes worn in the G. R. D., cannot be worn on public occasions.

A brother of the patriarchal degree is entitled to receive the semi-annual word.

Voting in a Lodge is by the usual sign of an Odd Fellow, except on ballot for membership, and is prescribed in the work.

A Patriarch under suspension in his Encampment is not eligible to office in a Grand Encampment, and should such a Patriarch be elected, it is not competent to install him.

It is unlawful for the charge books, or others containing or relating to the secret work of the Order, to be taken from the Lodge room.

The N. G. of a Lodge being the proper custodian of such books, may entrust them to his subordinate officers for the purpose of qualification, while in the Lodge room.

The laws of the Order prohibit the writing of the initiatory charges, as well as all other parts of the secret work.

A Lodge or Encampment has the right to visit other Lodges or Encampments, when accompanied with its presiding officers, outside its own jurisdiction, without cards or A. T. P. W.

Grand officers should address the chairs as other members. Grand Honors should be given them immediately after their recognition by the officers of the Lodge.

I do not understand that gloyes are dispensed with for members of the R. P. Degree.

A Lodge is bound to recognize and give a member P. G. Regalia, who is admitted by card certifying that he is a P. G., if he has not P. O. Degrees.

Suspensions for cause cannot be indefinite, nor for any unreasonable length of time.

An Encampment cannot expel from the Order—only from its own body, hence trials should, if possible, be had in Lodges, as loss of membership in a Lodge severs connection with an Encampment.

A Grand Lodge of a State may confer the power on the Grand Master during the recess to grant a petition from a Subordinate Lodge, to restore an expelled member to said Lodge.

A Grand Lodge of a State, pursuant to law, may authorize public installations by Subordinate Lodges—Journal, 2971, 2972.

Measures were adopted to extend the Order into Germany, Italy, and other foreign countries.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

BIDDEFORD, AUGUST 9, 1870.

Officers present—J. E. Haseltine, Grand Master ; J. W. Adams, Deputy Grand Master ; D. W. Babb, Grand Warden ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; G. A. Callahan, Grand Marshal ; C. H. Blake, Grand Inside Guardian.

The following Past Grands were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

James T. McCobb, of Maine Lodge, No 1 ; C. A. Leavitt, E. L. Sawyer, of Saco, No. 2 ; Ezra Drew, Henry S. Trickey, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Charles Sherry, of Ligonias, No. 5 ; Henry Boardman, of Penobscot, No. 7 ; Alvin K. Gilmore, Jas. B. Drake, of Lincoln, No. 10 ; Hiram B. Sproul, Geo. D. Brown, of Saccarappa, No. 11 ; Jacob S. Ford, of Olive Branch, No. 28 ; Geo. A. Downing, of Carrabasset, No. 34 ; Avery F. Brown, Leander Martin, of Union, No. 35 ; S. H. Pillsbury, C. H. Brackett, of Laconia, No. 44 ; Andrew Martin, of Pequawket, No. 46 ; Geo. W. Maxfield, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

On motion of P. G. M. Ladd,

Voted, That the R. W. Grand Warden be instructed to confer the Grand Lodge Degree in the ante-room, upon all Representatives that may appear.

The Grand Master made his annual report. He stated that he had granted dispensations for the following Rebekah Degree Lodges: Saco Lodge, No. 2, of Saco; Esther Lodge, No. 3, of Biddeford;—Lodge, No. 4, of Lewiston. He further stated that in answer to a request of A. F. Craig, D. D. Grand Master, of Portsmouth, N. H., he had given the Lodges at that place permission to initiate such persons resident in Kittery and Elliot, Maine, as should make application to them, as the nearest Lodge in this State was at South Berwick. Upon application of Washington Lodge, No. 4, of Great Falls, N. H., he had granted permission to receive one H. B. Lord, a resident of Berwick, Maine, to join their Lodge.

A new Lodge has been instituted at Dover, under name of Kineo Lodge, No. 64.

The following Grand Officers were then elected and installed :

John W. Adams, Grand Master ; David W. Babb, Deputy Grand Master ; Geo. A. Callahan, Grand Warden ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; J. A. Fenderson, Grand Chaplain ; N. H. Colton, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

E. P. Parcher, Grand Marshal, T. P. Sawyer, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, J. W. Adams, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, D. W. Babb, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, S. B. Bean ; No. 4, N. S. Morse ; No. 5, Geo. A. Callahan, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 6, Geo. A. Downing ; No. 7, S. G. Hill ; No. 8, Edmund H. Fogg.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Charters were granted to Saco Lodge, No. 2, Daughters of

Rebekah, at Saco ; Esther Lodge, No. 3, Daughters of Rebekah, at Biddeford ; ——— Lodge No. 4, Daughters of Rebekah, at Lewiston ; and to Kineo Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., at Dover.

The Grand Representatives were instructed to furnish their annual report to the Grand Secretary, in the month of October next, and the Grand Secretary to insert said report as an appendix to the printed proceedings of this session.

On motion of P. G. Goodale,

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to use all laudable endeavors for the restoration of the apron.

The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer reported that they had purchased for the use of the officers of the Grand Lodge, a set of Grand Officer's regalia and Jewels, at an expense of \$167.-50, according to instructions received at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

Report accepted.

The Finance committee reported amount in the treasury \$905.90.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Number of Lodges, 21 ; initiated, 371 ; admitted by card, 17 ; withdrawn, by card, 14 ; suspended, 50 ; expelled, 1 ; brothers relieved, 159 ; widowed families relieved, 31 ; brothers buried, 30 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$5,966.55 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$544.00 ; paid for burying the dead, \$711.00 ; total relief, \$7,221.55 ; amount of receipts, \$16,500.03 ; invested funds, \$44,248.29 ; contributing members, 2,271.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

The report of the Grand Representatives showed the Order throughout the entire jurisdiction, to be in a most flourishing condition, giving the aggregate returns for 1870, as compared with 1869, showing the increase :

	1869.	1870.	Increase.
Number of Lodges,	3,473	3,765	292
Number initiated,	41,183	46,179	5,096
Number of members,	268,608	298,083	29,475
Amount of revenue,	\$2,347,073.86	\$2,714,288.93	\$367,215.07
Amount paid for relief,	760,429.54	859,906.86	99,477.32

DECISIONS.

The following decisions of the Grand Sire, made during the year, were reported, and with slight modifications of the third and fourth were approved.

First, Upon inquiry of the Grand Patriarch of Georgia, I have advised that he has power to confer the Subordinate Encampment Degrees, upon a sufficient number of scarlet members, for the purpose of qualifying them as petitioners for an Encampment at a place where none exists.

Second, It has been inquired, "when a brother renounces Odd Fellowship, whether his Lodge can regard it as a resignation from the Order ; if not, to what extent does it affect his membership ?" Answer in the negative, and that such renunciation of the Order, has no effect whatever upon his membership or standing in his Lodge.

Third, Immemorial custom and usage, has assigned particular places for all the officers of a Subordinate Lodge ; which, in the absence of written law to the contrary, is binding, and that under this assignment, the Warden's position is in front of, and to the right of the Right Supporter of the Noble Grand.

Fourth, That no regalia is legitimate, except that prescribed by law ; chapeaux, crooks, swords and belts, and all military paraphernalia, not so prescribed, are accordingly inadmissible.

Fifth, Final cards are granted only by vote of the Lodge, the vote to be had by ball ballot.

Sixth, When charges are to be preferred against the Noble Grand of a Lodge, they are properly placed in the hands of the Vice Grand, to be brought before the Lodge ; but there is no reason why any brother may not prefer such charges.

Seventh, The vote by which a withdrawal card was authorized, cannot be reconsidered, or rescinded.

Eighth, Article twenty-four of the by-laws prescribes the regalia for past officers of every description.

Ninth, A Grand Master visiting *as such* in his own jurisdiction, should wear the regalia and jewels of his office.

Tenth, The proper manner of voting in a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, is by yes and no.

Eleventh, Upon inquiry of D. D. Grand Sire Ritter, of the jurisdiction of New Mexico, whether an article in the constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, prescribing that the Lodge may ballot for the degrees when open in the initiatory, was valid and legal, I have replied in the negative—that such a law was palpably in violation of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of no validity.

The third decision was modified by striking out the words "and to the right of" in the fourth line. And the fourth, by adding after the word inadmissible, the words, *as regalia*.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That non-affiliated Odd Fellows, who have been regularly initiated in

the Order, and have retained membership therein for at least ten consecutive years, and who, at the time of making application for re-instatement for membership, shall be over fifty years of age, may be admitted to membership to any Lodge or Encampment, as non-beneficial members, upon such terms as the local law may prescribe.

Resolved, That when District Deputy Grand Masters, visit a Subordinate Lodge for the purpose of installing the officers elect, they, as the representatives of the M. W. Grand Master, shall be accorded the same honors that are given to that officer.

Resolved, That all provisions inconsistent with the foregoing are repealed.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

BANGOR, AUGUST 8, 1871.

Officers present—John W. Adams, Grand Master ; D. W. Babb, Deputy Grand Master ; G. A. Callahan, Grand Warden ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; E. P. Parcher, Grand Marshal ; T. P. Sawyer, Grand Inside Guardian.

The following Past Grands having proper credentials were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree : Israel Hicks, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Frank Maxfield, of Saco, No. 2 ; Albro E. Chase, H. C. Jordan, of Ligonias, No. 5 ; J. W. Humphrey, George S. Hall, S. H. Boardman, George A. Davenport, S. B. Morrison, of Penobscot, No. 7 ; W. C. Stover, Joseph Day, of Mousam, No. 26 ; Arthur Jameson, John Buffum, J. Y. Richardson, T. M. Chapman, O. E. W. Hinckley, Lyman Eaton, A. W. Pollard, Nahum Godfrey, Solomon Moulton, H. F. Wallace, of Tarratine, No. 27 ; C. W. Murphy, H. Beetle, of Olive Branch, No. 28 ; C. B. Dodge, M. Gleason, of Cumberland, No. 30 ; Joseph H. Knox, of Carrabasset, No. 34 ; M. P. Payson, W. V. Brown, of Union, No. 35 ; Cyrus P. Berry, W. A. Foss, of Laconia, No. 44 ; A. R. Greenough, Edward A. Buck, W. H. Prescott, Wm. W. Taylor, of Oriental, No. 60 ; G. W. Maxfield, C. S. Newell, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62.

On motion of Past Grand Babb,

Voted, That the R. W. Grand Warden be instructed to confer the Grand Lodge Degree in the ante-room, upon all Representatives that may appear.

The Grand Master submitted his annual report.

He stated that one new Lodge had been instituted under dispensation, under the name of Plymouth Lodge, No. 65, at Dexter.

The Grand Master reported the following decisions which were approved :

First, An accused brother has in all cases a right to have counsel to assist him in his defence before the committee. If the charges are for revealing the secret work of the Order, the counsel should be one of the Order. If for immoral conduct the accused brother may have counsel if he so chooses, out of the Order.

Second, The committee have no power to prevent brethren of the Lodge to which the accused brother belongs from being present at the trial. (Fair trial implies a public trial so far as the members of the Lodge are concerned.)

Third, The committee should furnish the accused brother with a written copy of the charges filed against him until they summon him to appear for trial, so that he may know what they are, and be able to prepare his defence ; this is very essential to a fair trial, and I may say that the committee and the brethren of the Lodge to which the implicated brother belongs, are bound not only by law, but by every principle of our Order, to extend to the accused brother their sympathy, and every facility in their power to aid him in proving himself innocent of the charges made ; for until proved guilty, he is presumed to be innocent.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had in his possession, a petition in legal form signed by five members holding withdrawal cards from Cumberland Lodge, No. 30, praying that a Lodge may be instituted at Lovell, county of Oxford, to be known and hailed by the title of Keazer Valley Lodge, No. 66.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to election and installation of Grand Officers, with the following result :

David W. Babb, Grand Master ; Geo. A. Callahan, Deputy Grand Master ; E. P. Parcher, Grand Warden ; Orin B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; A. Rowell, Grand Chaplain ; James E. Haseltine, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

G. F. Marriner, Grand Marshal ; A. R. Greenough, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, E. P. Parcher, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, D. W. Babb, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, Micajah Gleason ; No. 4, N. S. Morse ; No. 5, George A. Callahan ; No. 6, Joseph H. Knox ; No. 7, Samuel G. Hill ; No. 8, F. M. Laughton.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Charters were granted to Plymouth Lodge, No. 65, at Dexter, and Keazer Valley Lodge, No. 66, at Lovell.

The decisions of the Grand Master were approved.

The committee on the State of the Order reported in favor of paying the expenses of the D. D. Grand Masters incurred while in the discharge of their official duties. The report was laid on the table.

The finance committee reported amount in the Treasury, \$1,665.56. The committee recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary be continued the same as last year, and that the salary of the Grand Treasurer be twenty-five dollars for the present year.

The committee on appeals, on an appeal of brother S. T. Archer, from the action of Oriental Lodge, No. 60, in expelling him recommended that the action of the Lodge be sustained. Adopted.

The same committee on the appeal of brother David Norton from the action of Tarratine Lodge, No. 27, in expelling him on charges for withholding the funds of the Lodge, violating the obligations as Secretary of said Lodge, as laid down in the constitution, and treating the authority of the Lodge with contempt, recommended that the action of the Lodge be sustained. Adopted.

On motion

Voted, That the price of State cards be one dollar each.

On motion of P. G. William H. Smith,

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to pay the expense of such brothers as he may see fit to employ to visit and revive defunct Lodges in this State.

On motion of P. G. Master, N. G. Cummings,

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the actual expenses of the Grand Master, when incurred while in the discharge of his official duties.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Year ending July 1, 1871.

Number of Lodges, 22; initiated, 556; admitted by card, 21; withdrawn by card, 31; suspended, 92; expelled, 4; brothers relieved, 199; widowed families relieved, 20; brothers buried, 22; paid for relief of brothers, \$6,477.29; paid for relief of widowed families, \$434.16; paid for burying the dead, \$573.00; total relief, \$7,558.48; amount of receipts \$19,511.38; invested funds, \$62,301.40; contributing members, 2,660.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

The report of the Grand Representatives showed the following decisions of the Grand Sire:

The initiation of a candidate is not finished until he has been introduced to the Lodge.

1. When an officer is under charges, his functions as such cease until the question of his guilt or innocence has been determined by the Lodge.

2. A Noble Grand has no right to refuse to put any legitimate question to his Lodge—his differing with the Lodge has nothing to do with the matter.

3. It is a brother's right to vote a secret ball ballot; he may conceal or expose the character of his vote at his pleasure.

4. Every brother present in a Lodge or Encampment is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge or Encampment; and no particular number of votes is necessary so long as a quorum is present.

5. There is no reason why persons akin to each other, no matter how close the relation, should not hold office at the same time in the same Lodge.

6. Officers elect having been examined in the ante-room, when they enter for installation, do not address the chairs.

7. There is no law against installing officers of subordinate Lodges in any suitable hall outside the Lodge room, provided the form of Public Installation is used.

8. Questions of law must go from subordinate Lodges to the District Deputies of Grand Masters.

After a Grand Master has decided a question for a subordinate Lodge, said Lodge, if not satisfied, can only seek redress by appeal, properly presented to the Grand Lodge; and said Lodge must abide by the decision of the Grand Master until said decision is reversed by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction.

9. A subordinate Lodge is the proper tribunal to try all cases of delinquency when the charge is cognizable under the laws.

10. A brother withdrawing from his Lodge for the purpose of establishing (with others) a new Lodge, and failing to appear when the Lodge is instituted, cannot be considered as one of the charter members. If he wishes to join that, or any other Lodge, his card must be presented regularly, and he must be balloted for according to law.

11. No Lodge or Encampment has the right to refuse a dismissal certificate to a suspended member who makes proper application for the same. The laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States insure him this right, and subordinate Bodies must conform to them.

12. No brother can visit the Grand Lodge of the United States, except upon a voucher of a Representative from the State from which he hails; and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree—inasmuch as it would be absurd to admit a visitor to the Grand Lodge of the United States who was not qualified to visit a State Grand Body.

13. A Grand Lodge of a State has no power to appoint a committee of the Grand Lodge to try a brother of a subordinate Lodge. It may, however, order a subordinate Lodge to try a member, and to the order the subordinate Lodge must yield obedience.

14. A Lodge may appoint or elect a chaplain, and he would be called an officer, because he holds an office; but holding that office would not make him eligible to an elective office.

15. All voting in a subordinate Lodge and Degree Lodges, is by the U. S. of an O. F., *unless otherwise provided*. The exception is "not alone to a ballot for membership," as the decision of the Grand Sire 1869 would seem to indicate, but to advancing to degrees, granting withdrawal cards, suspending or expelling members and reinstating them, electing officers, reconsidering a ballot for membership, when the yeas and nays are ordered, etc., in which cases provision is made by law for voting otherwise.

16. The honors are given to elective and Past Grand officers visiting outside of their own jurisdictions, after they have been recognized (addressed the chairs) and have been introduced to the Noble Grand by name and rank.

17. The Grand Sire has no authority to revive a defunct Encampment instituted by a Grand Encampment which is itself defunct.

18. Any brother who has retired and wishes to re-enter the Lodge (the same evening), *may* use the Vice Grand's P. W. for that purpose.

19. The Warden's position is in front of the R. S. of the noble Grand, and he cannot deliver his charge from any other place without a violation of law.

20. A Past Grand Master has the right to announce his title as such, at the inner door, when visiting a subordinate Lodge on ordinary occasions, but he is not entitled to the honors of the Order, unless he visits on official business, which he should announce. Rank refers to the highest grade or title attained.

21. Members holding expired withdrawal cards are competent applicants for charters for new Lodges, and there is no limit to the age of the card.

22. A member of one Lodge can prefer charges against a member of another Lodge. He may submit his complaint to his own Lodge, which should demand or request an investigation of the charges by the Lodge to which the brother charged belongs. Or the brother complaining may place the charges in the hands of any member of the Lodge to which the brother charged belongs ; and the said brother would have a right and should lay them before his Lodge, and the Lodge should take action.

23. There is no law preventing members holding Dismissal certificates from being applicants for charters for new Lodges.

24. There is no authority for an elective officer of a State Grand Body to introduce into a subordinate Lodge a brother holding an expired withdrawal card ; it cannot be done legally.

Of the foregoing decisions, the following were approved :

Unnumbered, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 24.

The 1st decision was not approved. The 1st clause of the third decision was approved,—“It is a brothers’ right to vote a secret ball ballot.” The second clause was not approved. The following was substituted for the 8th decision : “No Lodge or Encampment, subordinate to any State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Encampment, has a right to present questions of law directly to the M. W. Grand Sire for his decision. All such questions must go through the channel provided by the common law. In regard to the 11th decision, the words “suspended member” were stricken out, and the words “suspended for non-payment of dues” inserted, and as amended, approved.

The 17th decision was reversed.

The 22d decision was approved, with the modification, “that while it is the right of any member of the Lodge to which the accused belongs to lay such charges before the Lodge, we can find no law which makes it compulsory upon him to do so.”

MISUSE OF EMBLEMS.

Resolved, That no member of the Order shall either directly or indirectly, use or sanction the use of any of the emblems, the name, or any of the titles, or the mottoes, or the initials thereof of this Order, in the prosecution of any private business or enterprise.

Resolved, That no member or officer of any Lodge or Encampment of this Order shall, either directly or indirectly, use or permit the use of his name, as such member or officer, in any private business or enterprise.

Resolved, That a member of the Order shall not use any of its emblems, its name, or any of the titles, its mottoes, or the initials thereof, in any advertisement or public display not authorized by some law of the Order.

Resolved, That any member of the Order or officer of a Lodge or Encampment

who shall be guilty of any of the offences defined and set forth in the three preceding resolutions, shall be considered guilty of a fraud upon the Order, and shall be suspended or expelled from membership at the option of his Lodge or Encampment.

Resolved, That the foregoing shall not be construed to apply to any periodical or newspaper now published, or hereafter to be published, in the interests of the Order.

A proviso also passed holding editors responsible, as members of the Order, for an abuse of the privileges, under above resolutions.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

LEWISTON, August 13, 1872.

Officers present,—D. W. Babb, Grand Master; G. A. Callahan, Deputy Grand Master; E. P. Parcher, Grand Warden; O. B. Whitten, Grand Secretary; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer; Aaron Rowell, Grand Chaplain; J. E. Haseltine, Grand Representative; N. H. Colton, Grand Representative; C. H. Blake, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*; Ai Brooks, Grand Inside Guardian, *pro tem.*

The following Past Grands were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree:

James N. Read, James I. Barbour, of Maine Lodge, No. 1; Joseph H. Whitehead, of Saco, No. 2; Joshua Davis, Joseph G. Russell, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4; Charles H. French, Josiah H. Burleigh, of Ligonias, No. 5; James T. Gannett, of Lincoln, No. 10; F. H. Grant, of Saccarappa, No. 11; Ai Brooks, Jr., W. F. Garcelon, John L. Peabody, Frank W. Brooks, of Androscoggin, No. 24; George P. Lovell, of Mousam, No. 26; Simon H. Staples, Luther Nason, of Olive Branch, No. 28; C. A. F. Emery, Charles V. Richards, J. W. Arnold, of Carrabasset, No. 34; Lewis Robbins, Clement Ripley, S. H. Walcott, of Union, No. 35; William B. Fenderson, G. W. Berry, of Laconia, No. 44; Fred M. Laughton, of Oriental, No. 60; William Pulverman, O. G. Douglass, William F. Brann, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62; Thomas B. Elliot, George G. Downing, of Kineo, No.

64; Edgar McAllaster, of Keazer Valley, No. 66; George W. Simonton, James A. Conley, Charles L. Jack, of Beacon, No. 67; George E. Allen, of Friendship, No. 69.

On motion of brother J. E. Haseltine, P. G. M.

Voted, That the R. W. Grand Warden confer the Grand Lodge degree in the ante room upon all duly accredited Representatives who appear.

The Grand Master then read his annual report. He stated that he had granted dispensations for, and the following Lodges had been instituted: Ivy Lodge, No. 3, D. of R., Portland; Beacon Lodge, No. 67, Portland; Fairfield Lodge, No. 68, Fairfield; Friendship Lodge, No. 69, Springvale.

He had made the following decision:

"That the law of the Grand Lodge of U. S., at its last session, requiring every member of a Lodge or Encampment, present at a meeting, to vote on all questions coming before said Lodge or Encampment, unless excused," is not to be so construed as to relate to the *election of officers*.

He called attention to the fact that a large number of citizens of the towns of Elliot and Kittery had been initiated, by permission, in Portsmouth, N. H., and suggested that some action be taken which might result in the formation of a Lodge in one of the towns named. He stated that Laconia Lodge, No. 44, having met with a heavy loss by fire, he had granted them permission to apply to their more fortunate sister Lodges for aid, and recommended that their dues for the term ending June 30th, be remitted and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish them with the usual number of Charge and Degree Books free of charge.

He recommended that the Grand Lodge or Grand Master employ a Grand Lecturer, and cause him to visit each Lodge in the State once a year and impart the work to it. He recommended that the actual traveling expenses of the District Deputies be paid by the Grand Lodge, not only for the future, but for the past year.

He suggested that there should be some local legislation in regard to Rebekah Degree Lodges.

He recommended that the Grand Representatives be instructed to urge the adoption of the one year term, instead of the present

term of six months. He also recommended, that in case this change is not made by the Grand Lodge of the United States, that this Grand Lodge, either by resolution or in some other manner give the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction the *right to re-elect* their officers, if they choose so to do.

Brother J. E. Haseltine, P. G. M., offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to employ some competent brother or brothers to visit such Lodges as he may deem advisable, to instruct them in the unwritten work of the Order, and to make such efforts to revive defunct Lodges as in their judgment will be for the best interests of the Order. And that the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Charters were granted to Keazer Valley Lodge, No. 66 : Beacon Lodge, No. 67 ; Fairfield Lodge, No. 68 ; Friendship Lodge, No. 69 ; and Ivy Lodge, No. 3, D. of R.

The decision of the Grand Master, was approved. The permission granted to citizens of Elliot and Kittery to become initiated into Lodges in Portsmouth, N. H., was revoked. The recommendation of the Grand Master in relation to remitting the dues of Laconia Lodge, No. 44, and furnishing them with Charge and Degree Books free of charge, was adopted.

The recommendation in relation to the extension of the term of officers in subordinate Lodges from six to twelve months was adopted.

The Finance committee reported amount in Treasury, \$2,532.-82.

The following Grand Officers were then elected and installed : George A. Callahan, Grand Master ; O. B. Whitten, Deputy Grand Master ; F. M. Laughton, Grand Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; Charles H. Blake, Grand Chaplain ; J. W. Sargent, Grand Representative.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

William F. Garcelon, Grand Marshal ; Joseph H. Knox, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, R. M. Stevens ; No. 2, O. B. Whitten, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, Micajah Gleason ; No. 4, N. S. Morse ; No. 5, G. A. Callahan, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 6, J. H. Knox ; No. 7, S. G. Hill ; No. 8, F. M. Laughton, (*ex-off.*).

The special committee in relation to payment of District Deputy Grand Masters, reported that the recommendation of the Grand Master is eminently proper and should be adopted.

Report adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 1½ o'clock, P. M.

1½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Finance committee in their report recommended that the fiscal and statistical year be changed from July 1st and June 30th, to January 1st and December 31st.

Adopted.

The committee on the State of the Order reported, and the Grand Lodge adopted the report, that " a subordinate Lodge has the right to appoint a special committee to receive the books and papers belonging to it, to ascertain the financial condition of the Lodge."

Brother C. R. Goodell, offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That after the passage of this resolution, the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and his Deputies, shall be ineligible for office in subordinate Lodges while holding said positions.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Number of Lodges for the year ending June 30, 1872, 26 ; initiated, 493 ; admitted by card, 16 ; reinstated, 13 ; withdrawn by card, 59 ; suspended, 64 ; rejected, 64 ; brothers relieved, 170 ; widowed families relieved, 17 ; brothers buried, 19 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$6,610.73 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$493.14 ; paid for education of orphans, \$130.82 ; paid for burying the dead, \$641.25 ; total relief, \$8,066.67 ; amount of receipts, \$19,546.58 ; invested funds, \$66,377.35 ; contributing members, 3,169.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

The report of the Grand Representatives showed the following decisions as having been made by the Grand Sire :

1. In case where a State law provides that when a vote shall have been taken on all the forms of punishment without result in favor of either, the Noble Grand shall commence again with the highest order of punishment, and if need be go through again, and so continue until some order of punishment be affixed. I have ruled that such law being in conflict with the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which expressly provides otherwise, is of no force and effect, and that a vote of the Lodge refusing to affix a penalty of expulsion is final, subject only to appeal.

2. The Grand Lodge of the United States has not said how many black balls shall reject a candidate except so far as applies to subordinate Lodges under its immediate jurisdiction—that says three black balls rejects, &c. Digest, Secs., 127 138.

3. There is no law compelling a Lodge to give a brother his degrees, no matter how good he may stand on the books of the Lodge ; he must go through the ballot box, be balloted for, and it is for the votes to decide whether he shall advance or not, and no one under our present system can question their right to reject or refuse to confer the degrees upon any brother.

4. When an application is made for membership, it becomes at once the property of the Lodge. As to withdrawing an application, the word *may* is made use of (Digest, Sec. 1130) to show that the Lodge has control over the matter, and having control may refuse to allow the application to be withdrawn. The parties who present the application *may* and indeed are, the proper persons to ask for the withdrawal of an application for membership. They make their wish known to the Lodge, officially, before the report of the committee is presented, and the permission to withdraw the application is granted by a vote of the Lodge ; of course any one can object.

5. The laws of the Order contemplate the payment of benefits to all members in good standing, (Digest, Secs., 152, 154) ; but said laws also leave it with State authorities, or if *they* do not act, with subordinates, to prescribe when the benefits, are to be given. For instance, a State Grand Body may say that no brother shall be entitled to receive benefits until he shall have attained the Scarlet Degree ; and it *may* say too, that card members shall not be entitled to benefits until they shall have been members for six months or more after depositing ; or a State Grand Body may enact a law to the effect that card members shall be entitled to benefits at once, and that initiates shall be entitled to benefits from the night of initiation.

6. When State Grand Officers grant cards under the general law, the brother receiving the card is entitled to the A. T. P. W., and a Noble Grand must communicate the same to the brother on his presenting a certificate from the Grand Secretary who issued the same, requesting the word to be given.

7. Application should be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, or

to the officers of that R. W. Body, for a warrant or dispensation to open a Lodge in the Territory of Utah, or in any State or Territory, where there is no Grand Lodge, notwithstanding existing Lodges in said State or Territory may be under the temporary supervision of a neighboring or contiguous jurisdiction, as is the case with Utah.

8. As the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (Digest, 1,336, 1,337,) says, "That to be in possession of the Degree of Rebekah is a necessary qualification for office in all Lodges which have received it," all the elective officers must be in possession of it.

9. Any brother of the Order suspended *indefinitely* for cause, no matter when, should, under the existing law, (Digest, Secs., 1,782, 1,783,) be at once restored to membership.

10. A subordinate Lodge does not relinquish its prerogative (an inherent right) to confer the degrees on its own members. Either of the five degrees, or the Degree of Rebekah, by agreeing that a Degree Lodge shall be instituted, (Digest 513.)

12. No subordinate Lodge can reinstate an expelled member of its own motion. The consent of the Grand Lodge to which the Lodge is subordinate, or of the Grand Master, by its authority, is absolutely necessary to authorize the restoration. (Digest, 861.).

13. If there is no local law prescribing what vote is necessary to re-instate an expelled member, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, the same vote which expelled from, ought to be had to restore to membership.

14. It requires ten (10) members to form or make a quorum in a regular Rebekah Degree Lodge. (Digest, clause, 509, Sec. 4).

15. On an appeal to me from the decision of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, who, in view of the existence of a clause in the by-laws of Oriental Lodge, No. 10, of that jurisdiction, as follows: "If a brother dies within less than seven days after being taken sick, the sick benefit for one week shall be added to the funeral benefit," decided that the whole intent and purpose of the clause referred to was to meet just such cases—that is, sudden death, and that the one week's benefit should be added to the funeral benefit. I concurred in the opinion of the Grand Master, and so ruled.

The Grand Sire also reported the following answers, given by him to, inquiries :

In answer to a question by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, I said, I am of the opinion that the certificate presented to the Grand Lodge of Michigan by brother George Laidley, the duly authenticated representative to the said Grand Lodge from Saginaw Lodge, No. 42, setting forth that he, (brother Laidley) is entitled to the Past Official Degrees, said certificate being under the seal of Vermillion Lodge, No. 8, belonging to the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and attested by the officers of said Lodge, *is sufficient evidence under the general law*, of the fact that said brother Laidley has passed the chairs in a subordinate Lodge, and is entitled to receive the Past Official and Grand Lodge Degrees.

In reply to an inquiry from the Grand Master of Missouri, substantially as follows: "What is the status of members of a suspended subordinate, from any cause, (who at the time of such suspension were in good standing,) upon the restoration of its charter and its resumption of work? I decided that all the members of Chilicothe Lodge who were in good standing at the time the Lodge ceased to work, or when it became suspended, are entitled to readmission upon payment of the proper dues chargeable, if no *special cause* otherwise exists, of which the Lodge is to be the proper judge; and that the proper dues are the amount, if any, appearing on the books at the time of surrender of charter, or ceasing to work, and such other dues as may have accrued since the member's knowledge of restoration.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom the decisions of the Grand Sire were referred in their report, approved the decisions, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, and 12, and that No. 13, should be referred to the Legislative committee.

And No. 14, the committee were of opinion, is decided correctly, and should have been referred to the Committee on Appeals, if referred to any committee.

The report was recommitted, with instructions to report on decisions, Nos. 13 and 14.

The committee again reported, approved of decision No. 13. The report was adopted.

[For report of the committee on the other decisions, see proceedings of the session 1873].

PROPERTY OF DEFUNCT LODGES.

It was decided that the funds and property of defunct Lodges and Encampments may, at the option of the body holding the same, be used for the purpose of assisting working Lodges and Encampments, when in need of funds to sustain them in their organization, or they may be applied for the assistance of the widows and orphans of such defunct bodies or to any relief fund which may exist in such Grand jurisdiction; *provided*, That where a fund is held on a specific trust, and when such subordinate becomes defunct, the Grand Body shall see that such trust is duly executed and the trust fund applied to the purposes for which the fund was created.

COMBINED REGALIA FOR P. G. AND P. C. P.

The Regalia for a Past Grand, who is also a Past Chief Patriarch, may, in lieu of any regalia to which he may be entitled, be a scarlet collar, trimmed with white, the collar not to be more than five and a half inches wide, with a roll of purple two inches wide trimmed with yellow, the collar to be united in front with three links. The above described regalia may be worn by a brother who has passed the chairs in a Lodge and in an Encampment in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge or any Grand or Subordinate Encampment. The collar may be of scarlet velvet, with white metal trimmings, and the roll of purple velvet with yellow metal trimmings.

STATUS OF MEMBERS OF DEFUNCT LODGES.

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the decision of the M. W.

Grand Sire upon the question propounded by the Grand Master of Missouri, viz : "What is the *status* of members of a suspended subordinate for any cause (who at the time of such suspension, were in good standing,) upon the restoration of its charter and its resumption of work?" would report that they approve of said decision. But desiring to make the same more specific, would say, when the disabilities are removed for which a subordinate Lodge is suspended, and said Lodge resumes the exercise of its various functions, the officers and members occupy the same *status* they did before the suspension. But when a defunct Lodge has been resuscitated on the application of only a part of its members, those members making the application only are restored at once, and the other members who were in good standing may resume membership upon such terms as the local laws of the jurisdiction may prescribe.

Adopted.

DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

It is hereafter to be understood that the law which requires officers of Subordinate Lodges to be in possession of the Degree of Rebekah, as a qualification for office, refers to *elective* and not *appointed* officers.

GRAND LODGE OPENING IN FIFTH DEGREE.

A request to allow Grand Lodges at their option to open in the fifth degree was refused, and it was declared that State Grand Lodges can only open in said fifth degree during installation of Grand Officers.

EXEMPTION.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That it is not lawful to pass a local law whereby a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment may receive a fixed sum as dues, and, as a consideration therefor, relieve the member so paying from further obligation to be charged with dues during his membership.

AGE.

It is declared, that "it is not competent for either a Grand or Subordinate Lodge to enact a by-law restricting membership to persons not over a certain age. The Grand Lodge of the United States, having decided by her constitution the necessary qualifications for membership, Grand or Subordinate Lodges cannot change them. To add an additional limitation or qualification as to age would be to legislate upon a subject which a Subordinate Lodge cannot touch."

The following Jewels were adopted :

Supporters of N. G.—Wand with crossed Gavels. Supporters of V. G.—Wand with Hour Glass. S. Supporters—Wand with Torch. All to be of white metal.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the proper officers of such State Grand Bodies as authorize the issue of Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment certificates to members of extinct

subordinates of such jurisdictions, be and hereby are requested to communicate the A. T. P. W., or authorize it to be done, to those receiving such certificate according to law, in order that they may avail themselves of the privilege to visit, as accorded by section 425 of Digest.

It was decided that the ballot-box must be placed in the centre of the room, and be under the supervision of the N. G.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

SKOWHEGAN, AUGUST 12, 1873.

Officers present—G. A. Callahan, Grand Master ; O. B. Whitten, Deputy Grand Master ; F. M. Laughton, Grand Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain ; J. W. Sargent, Grand Representative ; W. F. Garcelon, Grand Marshal ; J. H. Knox, Grand Guardian.

The following Past Grands were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

Albert F. Berry, George T. Means, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Daniel W. Loveitt, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Henry P. Cox, of Ligonias, No. 5 ; J. H. Eldridge, of Penobscot, No. 7 ; O. W. Walker, of Saccarappa, No. 11 ; Charles D. Durgin, Charles E. Dodge, of Olive Branch, No. 28 ; Byron Kimball, of Cumberland, No. 30 ; James Colby, B. M. Hight, S. M. Sawyer, of Carrabasset, No. 34 ; Ephraim Loveitt, of Union, No. 35 ; Samuel V. Spear, of Lemon Stream, No. 55 ; George A. Drew, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62 ; G. W. Pratt, of Kineo, No. 64 ; Abner Shepherd, of Plymouth, No. 65 ; David Coffin, of Keazer Valley, No. 66 ; H. B. White, of Fairfield, No. 68 ; Gilbert G. Littlefield, George W. Gowen, of Friendship, No. 69.

On motion of brother J. N. Read, P. G.,

Voted, That the R. W. Grand Warden confer the Grand Lodge Degree in the ante-room, upon all duly accredited Representatives who may appear.

The Grand Master then read his annual report. He stated that Franklin Lodge, No. 58, had been re-instituted. This Lodge had done no work for twelve years.

He had instituted Asylum Lodge, No. 70, at Augusta, and Arambec Lodge, No. 71, at Wiscasset, and recommended that charters be granted each of them.

He also stated that two Rebekah Degree Lodges had been instituted the past year,—one at Lovell, and one at Bridgton, and recommended that charters be granted. He called attention to some irregularities in connection with several of the Degree of Rebekah Lodges, and recommended the appointment of a committee to reduce the R. D. to something like law and uniformity, and also the passage of a *healing* act, to cover past misdeeds.

He called attention to the peculiar situation of the former members of Sabattis Lodge, No. 6. The Lodge having been expelled, there seemed to be no provision for the re-admission to the Order of those who were not guilty of any illegal act in connection with breaking up the Lodge, many of whom desire to again unite themselves with the Order.

He recommended the rescinding the action of the Grand Lodge in expelling Sabattis Lodge from the Order, which in his opinion would settle the matter. Then Sabattis Lodge would simply be a *defunct* Lodge, and its former members could then pursue the usual course adopted by members of defunct Lodges to regain membership.

He stated that, in accordance with the action of the Grand Lodge, at the last session, he had appointed Joseph K. Merrill, P. G. R., Grand Instructor. Brother Merrill visited a number of Lodges and imparted the secret work. But unfortunately for him and the Order, he was taken seriously ill after his visit to Brownfield, in January, and has been unable to perform the duties of his office since.

He recommended that the time of holding the annual session of the Grand Lodge be changed to one of the Spring months.

He suggested that a committee be appointed to re-arrange the Districts.

He called attention to the necessity of revising the constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

He recommended the appointment of a committee of one or more to write the history of the Order in this State, and that the work be commenced at once.

He stated that he had received a petition, signed by nine members of the Order, residing at Kittery, asking for a Lodge to be instituted under the name of "Riverside Lodge." He recommended that a charter be granted them.

The Grand Instructor submitted his report, giving an account of his official visits.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows :

O. B. Whitten, Grand Master ; F. M. Laughton, Deputy Grand Master ; W. F. Garcelon, Grand Warden ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain ; John B. Nealley, Grand Representative.

Brother J. B. Nealley, P. G. M., moved that a committee consisting of E. P. Banks, P. G. M., Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., P. G. M., and N. G. Cummings, P. G. M., be appointed to prepare a history of the Order in this State, and that it be printed in the proceedings.

The motion was adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 1½ o'clock, P. M.

1½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on the State of the Order in their report, recommended the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do hereby rescind the vote expelling Sabattis Lodge from the Order.

Resolved, That Sabattis Lodge be declared defunct, and its charter and property forfeited to the Grand Lodge. Adopted.

The office of Grand Lecturer was abolished.

Brother H. G. Wyman, P. G., offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the

Grand Treasurer, for two hundred dollars, to be paid to Carrabasset Lodge, No. 34, for the liquidation of expenses in the law suit brought to recover their hall.

The resolution was referred to a special committee, who reported in favor of the adoption of the resolution, and it was so ordered.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master then announced the following appointments, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge :

Charles H. Rich, Grand Marshal ; Israel Hicks, Grand Inside Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, E. P. Parcher ; No. 2, O. B. Whitten, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, B. C. Stone ; No. 4, W. E. Hogan ; No. 5, W. F. Garcelon, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 6, H. G. Wyman ; No. 7, S. G. Hills ; No. 8, F. M. Laughton, (*ex-off.*)

The revised constitution reported at the last session by the special committee for that purpose was taken from the table. Several amendments were offered, and it was again laid on the table.

Charters were voted to Asylum Lodge, No. 70, and Arambee Lodge, No. 71 ; also the petition for the institution of a Lodge at Kittery, was granted, and a charter was ordered to be issued to them.

The committee on Rebekah Degree Lodges in their report, recommended that charters issue to Fidelity Lodge, No. 4, at Lewiston, and Ivy Lodge, No. 5, at Portland, they having paid the charter fee, and that Naomi, No. 1, at Saccarappa, Esther, No. 3, at Biddeford, shall be entitled to charters on payment of fifteen dollars, and the Lodge at Saco shall be No. 2 ; at Lovell, No. 6 ; at Bridgton, No. 7, and unless these Lodges shall receive charters if they proceed legally to obtain the same before January 1, 1874, but if they do not do so their present dispensations shall be returned to the Grand Master. Adopted.

The Finance committee reported the total assets of the Grand Lodge to be as follows :

City of Portland registered bonds,	-	-	-	-	\$2000.00
Cash deposited in Maine Savings Bank,	-	-	-	-	958.79
Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer,	-	-	-	-	259.43
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$3,218.22

Brother Geo. A. Callahan, P. G. M., offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for defraying the expenses of reviving defunct Lodges and instituting new ones.

The committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of re-districting the State, reported legislation inexpedient. Adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 8 o'clock, P. M.

8 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues in Lodges that afterward became defunct, be re-instated upon the payment of one dollar for a State Card.

On motion of W. E. Pressey, P. G.,

Voted, To instruct the R. W. Grand Representatives to oppose the extension of the term of officers in Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

For six months, ending December 31, 1872, number of Lodges, 26 ; initiated, 317 ; admitted by card, 11 ; re instated, 8 ; withdrawn by card, 13 ; suspended, 38 ; rejected, 44 ; brothers relieved, 115 ; widowed families relieved, 17 ; brothers buried, 13 ; paid for relief of brothers, \$3,707.00 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$263.66 ; burying the dead, \$369.00 ; total relief, \$4,339.66 ; amount of receipts, \$12,873.87 ; invested funds, \$77,563.83 ; contributing members, 3,503.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

Grand Representative's report.

The report of the Grand Representatives shows the following

STATISTICS OF OUR ORDER.

			Increase.
Lodges,	1871,	4,292	
"	1872,	5,045	753
Initiations,	1871,	49,257	
"	1872,	59,270	9,993
Revenue of G. Lodge and G. Encamp't,	1871,	\$3,310,009.53	
" " "	1872,	4,291,071.12	\$981,061.59
Relief	1871,	1,092,095.42	
" " "	1872,	1,503,471.40	\$411,375.98
Members,	1871,	327,877	
"	1872,	385,097	57,220

DECISIONS.

1st. Do officers who were first elected at a special session of a Grand Encampment for the purpose of institution and installation of officers, on the first day of July last, (1872), hold their positions until the first regular session, (October, 1872), or until some future session.

Answer. The official term of Grand Officers is twelve months, and they must serve for a major period of the term, or they are not entitled to the past honors. In the case referred to, the officers have served only a little over three months; they must, therefore, continue service until the next regular session of the Grand Encampment. (See Digest, 1288.)

2d. This is a case of much interest, which will probably come before you in the form of an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The point decided by me was as to the status of brother John M. Alvord, in his Lodge during the pendency of the appeal, my

Answer, being declaratory of the general principle that a member, in his status remains where he is left by the legal action of his Lodge, until the highest tribunal of appeal resorted to, shall have rendered its decision.

3d. The general principle involved in this decision is analogous to the preceding. A Subordinate Lodge refuses a member benefits. The Grand Lodge of the State reverses the decision, and an appeal is taken by the subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States. To the question, "must the Lodge pay the dues?" I gave as

Answer, That the decision of the Lodge must stand until reversed by the highest tribunal of appeal, and it cannot be forced, therefore, to pay the dues, until the case is finally decided against the subordinate.

4th. The constitution of a State Grand Body can only be amended in the manner prescribed by the constitution itself.

5th. Neither a Grand Lodge, or any body subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, can change the term of officers.

These two latter inquiries came from the State of Wisconsin.

6th. This is the question referred to in my remarks on the powers of Grand Bodies in relation to contiguous subordinates.

7th. The law requiring that officers shall wear jewels, it is *not* a compliance therewith to have them "*wrought*" in the regalia.

ACTION UPON DECISIONS.

The 1st, 2d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th decisions were approved. The 3d was reversed.

On motion of Rep. Nealley, of Maine, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment may regulate the matter of the numbers of extinct Subordinate Lodges or Encampments in their respective jurisdictions that have been extinct more than twenty years, and any law that conflicts with this resolution is hereby repealed.

ACTION UPON DECISIONS OF THE GRAND SIRE AT THE ANNUAL SESSION OF 1871.

The Judiciary Committee in their report in relation to the decisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, and answers to interrogatories numbered 2, 3, 5, and 6, by M. W. Grand Sire Stuart, recommended the approval of the decisions numbered 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 and 15, and the answers to the inquiries numbered 2, 3, 5 and 6.

The committee did not recommend the approval of decision No. 1, as in their judgment it was not in accordance with the latest utterance of the Grand Lodge upon the subject. In 1868 the Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Legislative committee, to whom the subject had been referred, "that the subject has always been regulated by the several State Grand Bodies, and requires no legislation by this R. W. Grand Lodge."

As to No. 4, the committee recommended that it be modified as follows : An application for membership may be withdrawn without the permission of the Lodge before the report of the committee thereon is read to the Lodge, but not afterwards.

The report of the committee was adopted.

SPECIAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, JUNE 2, 1874.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to a call of the Most Worthy Grand Master.

Officers present—O. B. Whitten, Grand Master ; F. M. Laugh-ton, Deputy Grand Master ; W. F. Garcelon, Grand Warden ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain ; J. W. Sargent, Grand Representative ; C. H. Rich, Grand Marshal ; Israel Hicks, Grand Inside Guardian.

The call for the Special Session was read, from which it appeared that the Grand Lodge was to act on the following business, viz. :

“To take into consideration the expediency of having a State celebration, in the city of Portland, at or about the time of the Annual Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, August 11, 1874.”

After considering the matter, it was resolved that it was expedient to have a State celebration in the city of Portland, on the 25th of August, 1874, and it was ordered that a committee of nine be appointed, of which the Grand Master should be chairman, and the Grand Secretary a member, to make the necessary arrangements.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 11, 1874.

Officers present—O. B. Whitten, Grand Master ; F. M. Laugh-ton, Deputy Grand Master ; W. F. Garcelon, Grand Warden ; Joshna Davis, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain ; J. W. Sargent, Grand Representative ; J. B. Nealley, Grand Representative ; C. H. Rich, Grand Marshal ; Israel Hicks, Grand Inside Guardian.

The following Past Grands were admitted to the Grand Lodge Degree :

John M. Peck, George A. Harmon, S. P. Getchell, Wm. F. Todd, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; C. H. Berry, C. P. Rhodes, G. L. Walworth, Geo. S. Goodwin, of Saco, No. 2 ; Wyer Green, J. F. Liscomb, John M. Brown, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Wm. K. Neal, Frederick Bucknam, I. F. Clark, R. Williams, of Ligonias, No. 5, Bernhard Pol, Edwin F. Shaw, of Penobscot, No. 7 ; Wm. E. Hogan, of Lincoln, No. 10 ; C. E. Hodgkins, A. P. Ayer, of Saccarappa, No. 11 ; John Read, C. F. Dunlap, James Dingley, J. M. Cook, of Androscoggin, No. 24 ; E. W. Morton, A. W. Mendum, of Mousam, No. 26 ; H. N. Lowell, Theodore Fitzgerald,

of Olive Branch, No. 28 ; H. A. Shorey, of Cumberland, No. 30 ; Joshua Nye, of Samaritan, No. 39 ; G. N. Weymouth, B. F. Hamilton, Geo. F. Whitten, C. A. Moody, of Laconia, No. 44 ; Thomas Seavey, of Pequawket, No. 46 ; A. H. S. Davis, of Franklin, No. 58 ; Scott Dunbar, of Oriental, No. 60 ; Hiram Snow, F. A. Conant, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62 ; N. F. Roberts, of Plymouth, No. 65 ; A. N. French, of Keazer Valley, No. 66 ; A. W. Coombs, J. M. Strout, J. H. Wentworth, F. H. Cushing, of Beacon, No. 67 ; Randall Andrews, of Fairfield, No. 68 ; Wm. Smythe, Ivory Brooks, of Friendship, No. 69 ; J. W. Toward, of Asylum, No. 70 ; Joseph Wood, of Arambec, No. 71 ; Charles Chickering, George Manent, of Riverside, No. 72 ; S. W. Cook, of Golden Rule, No. 73.

Voted, That the R. W. Grand Warden confer the Grand Lodge Degree in the ante-room upon all duly accredited Representatives who may appear.

The Grand Master read his report. He congratulated the Grand Lodge "on the marked success and interest that has attended our Order."

He had instituted the following new Lodges, one by charter granted at the last session, and eight by dispensations, viz. :

Riverside Lodge, No. 72, at Kittery ; Golden Rule Lodge, No. 73, at Lewiston ; Mount Abram Lodge, No. 31, at Bethel ; Samaritan Lodge, No. 39, at Waterville, revived ; Granite Lodge, No. 14, at Biddeford ; Sabattus River Lodge, No. 21, at Lisbon Falls ; Gardiner Lodge, No. 9, at Gardiner ; Norway Lodge, No. 16, at Norway ; Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, at Paris.

He had made the following decisions :

1st. The Past Grand's charge can be given only by a P. G., or N. G.

2d. The question has been asked, how many black balls it requires to reject a candidate for the degrees. I answered that in the absence of any law of this R. W. Grand Body in relation to it, the matter is left to the subordinates to decide. This is a matter, perhaps, of some importance to this Grand Lodge, and I am not sure but it would be advisable to legislate upon it, so that each Lodge may be governed by the same law, and thus establish uniformity in balloting for degrees. This Grand Lodge has decided how many black balls it requires to reject a candidate for membership, but makes no provision for electing for the degrees. I

would recommend that the matter be referred to the committee on the State of the Order.

3d. When the Investigating Committee report, it is the duty of the Lodge to proceed to ballot immediately.

4th. The N. G. of a Rebekah Degree Lodge must be a P. G. in good standing in his Lodge.

5th. The Degree of Rebekah can be conferred at a special meeting, appointed by a Subordinate Lodge, on a Scarlet Degree member in good standing, belonging in another jurisdiction. As it is but a side or honorary degree, no brother is obliged to receive it, or if he desires the degree he is not required to give notice to the Lodge to which he belongs, but if he should be present at a meeting when the degree is to be conferred, whether it be of his own or any other Lodge, he may receive it. This ruling applies only to those Subordinate Lodges that confer the degree at a special meeting called for the purpose of conferring the degree. Rebekah Degree Lodges can confer the Rebekah Degree only on such Scarlet Degree members, and their wives as present a certificate from a Lodge located in the district designated in the charter of such Degree Lodge.

6th. A. D. D. Grand Master can not deputize any one to publicly install the officers of a Lodge ; for a public installation must be conducted by a Grand Officer or D. D. Grand Master.

7th. The N. G. has a right to vote when the Lodge is voting on a proposition for membership.

8th. Is a brother entitled to the P. W., who has not paid his dues for one term? I answered that, when a brother is not entitled to benefits on account of his being in arrears, he is not entitled to the P. W. There seems to be various opinions in regard to this question, and it has been brought to my notice several times. I have always decided as above, on the ground that when a member is in arrears, he is not in good standing, consequently he is not entitled to the P. W., but others argue that the Lodges allow them from six to eleven months in which to pay their dues, and claim their right to the P. W. until the expiration of that time.

9th. The question of eligibility to membership by initiation of persons who have lost a limb, is left to the disposal of the Subordinate Lodge to which admission is asked.

10th. A dismissal certificate may be received upon deposit in any Lodge.

The Grand Master recommended that the Grand Lodge appoint a representative to write the history of the Order in this State, and that an appropriation be made to amply recompense him for his time and labor while in the discharge of this very important duty.

He called attention to the very unsatisfactory condition of the

Rebekah Degree Lodges in this jurisdiction, and recommended that a constitution for their government be prepared, and that a per capita term tax may be exacted.

He alluded to the amendment presented at the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by Rep. Porter, of California, in relation to mergement, and recommended that the Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge use their influence and efforts to prevent, by all honorable means, the adoption of any measure that may lead to the mergement of the Encampment branch of the Order.

There being some informality in the certificates presented by Daniel F. Tolford, P. G., of Maine Lodge, No. 1, and Thomas Laughlin, P. G., of Ligonía Lodge, No. 5, the certificates were referred to the committee on the State of the Order, who in their report, stated that brother Tolford was admitted to Maine Lodge, No. 1, on a withdrawal card from Travelers Rest Lodge, No. 1, of Missouri, stating that he is a Past Grand. Maine Lodge certifies that he was duly elected and installed Noble Grand of Travelers Rest Lodge, and completed the term for which he was elected, the evidence of the same being the withdrawal card of brother Tolford, from said Lodge.

In the case of brother Laughlin, it appears that Ligonía Lodge state in their certificate that he is a Past Grand of said Lodge, and that he was admitted on a State card as Past Grand. The committee gave as their opinion that each were entitled to membership in this Grand Lodge, and recommended that they be admitted. Adopted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to nomination and election of Grand Officers, with the following result :

F. M. Laughton, Grand Master ; E. P. Parcher, Deputy Grand Master ; B. C. Stone, Grand Warden ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; Geo. A. Callahan, Grand Representative.

On recommendation of the committee on the State of the Order,

to whom the subject had been referred, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in cases of indefinite suspension for the non-payment of dues, the matter of re-instatement shall be left to the discretion of the respective Subordinate Lodges in which suspension may take place.

Charters were granted to the following Lodges :

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 73, at Lewiston ; Mount Abram Lodge, No. 31, at Bethel ; Granite Lodge, No. 14, at Biddeford ; Sabat-tus River Lodge, No. 21, at Lisbon ; Gardiner Lodge, No. 9, at Gardiner ; Norway Lodge, No. 16, at Norway ; Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17, at South Paris.

The restoration of the charter of Samaritan Lodge, No. 39, was confirmed.

The Grand Master was empowered to appoint a State Annalist, and he appointed Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., to that position.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Finance committee in their report, stated that the assets of the Grand Lodge were \$4,816.97. They recommended that in consideration of the arduous duties of the Grand Secretary the past year, the Grand Lodge donate him one hundred dollars, and that the salary for the ensuing year be two hundred dollars, and the salary of the Grand Treasurer be fifty dollars. Also that the recommendation of the Grand Master, that the money paid into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge by certain members of Nahtanis Lodge, who received the same on the division of the funds of said Lodge, and who are now members of Gardiner Lodge, No. 9, be donated to said Gardiner Lodge, be adopted. That the recommendation of the Grand Secretary to reduce the price of books to \$2.50 per copy, and cards to 25 cents each, be adopted.

That the resolution offered by brother R. Andrews, P. G., to refund thirty dollars to the petitioners of Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, be adopted.

The report was adopted.

The committee on the State of the Order recommended that a charter be granted to York Lodge, No.—, D. of R. at Kittery. Adopted.

The same committee recommended that a charter be granted to Crescent Lodge, at North Lovell, and that the petitioners for a new Lodge at Lovell Centre, have leave to withdraw. Adopted.

The special committees on Rebekah Degree Lodges, submitted the following resolutions :

Resolved, That all the returns required of Subordinate Lodges, as stated in clause first and clause second, of Section second of Article IV, of the constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be, and the same are hereby made applicable to the Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Resolved, That the same dues to the Grand Lodge as are paid by the Subordinate Lodges per term, shall be paid by the Rebekah Degree Lodges.

The resolutions were indefinitely postponed.

The committee on appeals reported on the appeal of brother Russell C. Plummer, from the action of Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11, in refusing to pay him benefits. Brother Plummer claimed that, as the quarter ends December 31st, the Secretary of the Lodge should have notified him before January 31st. The Secretary says he did notify him of his arrears in the Lodge, that at the time he was taken sick in January, he owed three quarters, that he paid one quarter in January and two quarters in February, during his sickness. The committee stated that the action of Saccarappa Lodge was in accordance with their by-laws, and that brother Plummer was not entitled to benefits. Adopted.

Brother W. H. Smith, P. G., offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in giving the numbers of defunct Lodges to new Lodges, be approved, and the M. W. Grand Master be requested not to grant new numbers to Lodges until all defunct numbers are filled.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 7½ o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The constitution, by-laws and rules of Order laid on the table at the last session, was taken from the table, and considered article by article, and section by section, and as amended, was adopted.

The special committee on Rebekah Degree Lodges was discharged.

Brother A. D. Smith, P. G., offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That brothers N. G. Cummings, P. G. M., Alfred Woodman, P. G., and H. C. Barnes, P. G., be a committee, to present to this R. W. Grand Lodge, at its next annual session, a constitution for the government of Rebekah Degree Lodges in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

E. A. Buck, Grand Marshal ; J. W. Toward, Grand Conductor ; C. H. Blake, Grand Ghaplain ; H. P. Cox, Grand Guardian ; E. McAllaster, Grand Herald.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, E. P. Parcher, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 2, J. N. Read ; No. 3, B. C. Stone, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 4, W. E. Hogan ; No. 5, Hiram Snow ; No. 6, H. B. Wyman ; No. 7, S. G. Hills ; No. 8, F. M. Laughton, (*ex-off.*)

On motion of brother E. P. Burnham, P. G. M.,

Voted, That the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Grand Secretary, be empowered to pay the State Annalist, such sum for his services as they deem proper.

Brother Geo. A. Callahan, P. G. M., offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated for defraying the expenses of reviving defunct Lodges, and instituting new ones, and that the Grand Master be authorized to employ such members of the Order as he may deem expedient for that purpose.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

For the term ending Dec. 31, 1873. Initiated, 445 ; admitted by card,

64; re-instated, 14; withdrawn by card, 47; suspended, 54; expelled, 5; rejected, 62; number of Past Grands, 534; contributing members, 4,291.

For the term ending June 30, 1874. Initiated, 663; admitted by card, 102; re-instated, 14; withdrawn by card, 102; suspended, 37; expelled, 3; deceased, 14; rejected, 89; number of Past Grands, 569; contributing members, 4,915.

Relief for the year ending December 31, 1873. Number of brothers relieved, 299; widowed families relieved, 28; brothers buried, 28; number of week's sickness for which benefits were paid, 2,176; amount paid for relief of brothers, \$9,893.35; paid for relief of widowed families, \$612.39; paid for burying the dead, \$1,064.02; paid for education of orphans, \$179.60; total amount paid for relief, \$11,749.36; current expenses, separate from benefits and charities, \$11,172.25; amount of annual receipts, \$36,049.64; invested funds, \$93,218.48.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

Grand Representatives report.

The report of the Grand Representatives opened by giving an account of the reception of the Grand Lodge of the United States at Atlanta, Georgia, stating that all classes of citizens of the place did all they could to make their stay pleasant.

In the absence of Grand Sire Logan, D. G. Sire Durham presided.

DECISIONS.

The following decisions of the Deputy Grand Sire were approved:

1. Representatives of Grand Encampments have a right to introduce into any Subordinate Encampment a brother whom the C. P. of said Encampment does not know to be in good standing in the Order, without said brother giving any pass-word whatever.

2. Officers of a Degree Lodge cannot confer the Rebekah Degree upon members of the Scarlet Degree. It must be done in the Rebekah Degree Lodge.

3. A brother holding an unexpired withdrawal card from his Lodge cannot be a competent petitioner for an Encampment.

4. This was modified by the Grand Lodge to say that Odd Fellows may appear in regalia at the funeral of a Daughter of Rebeckah, if they first obtain permission so to do, from the proper Grand Officers of their jurisdiction. See Digest, § 1622.

5. A Lodge or Lodge committee on the trial of a brother under charges, cannot legally refuse admission to, or exclude from the room during such trial, any member of said Lodge who is in good standing, except as provided in the proceedings of the G. L. of U. S. See 1872 journal, page 5563.

6. A Past Grand who has been appointed by a D. D. G. M., to install officers is not entitled to the Grand Honors when he appears for that purpose.

7. A member of a Lodge is entitled to admission into his Lodge room, and to the S. A. P. W., and also to vote on all questions, unless he is dropped, suspended or expelled, provided there are no local laws of his Grand Lodge to the contrary.

The following resolutions were adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That all spirituous, vinous, and malt liquors shall be excluded from the Lodge rooms and ante-rooms, or halls connected with or adjoining thereto, when under control of any Subordinate or Degree Lodge or Encampment of this Order.

2. *Resolved*, That every provision in conflict with the aforesaid resolution, as well as all regulations respecting the use of edibles in Lodge rooms heretofore passed, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

WHEN ONE IS A PAST GRAND.

A Noble Grand never becomes a Past Grand until he is duly installed into the Past Grand's office—and all State Grand Bodies are authorized to cause to be conferred the Honorary Degree of Past Secretary on any Past Grand in good standing.

VOTING.

The R. W. Grand Lodge passed this resolution :

Resolved, That every brother present in a Lodge room or Encampment, if qualified to vote, is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge or Encampment, and no particular number of votes are necessary so long as there is a quorum present.

ON OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE PRETENCES.

Rep. Lindsey, of Wisconsin, from the special committee appointed last session on imposters, made the following report, which was adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. Lindsey, at the last session of this Grand Body, (found on page 2962, G. L. Journal, 1873,) have carefully considered the same, and submit the following report, and recommend the following for your adoption :

Resolved, That a member of the Order in good standing, evidenced by holding an unexpired visiting card, issued in conformity to the laws of the Order by his Lodge or Encampment, and having the A. T. P. W., being in distress, or pretending so to be, and needing money, and who having asked for and received from a Lodge or Encampment, or a member thereof, a sum of money, under the assurance and promise that he will return or repay the same within a given time, or so soon as he returns home, but who shall neglect so to do after a reasonable time thereafter, without a satisfactory excuse being rendered, shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow; and due notice of such facts having been officially communicated to his Lodge by the Lodge or Encampment so loaning him the money, it shall be the duty of his Lodge to notify him of such indebtedness or loan, and to demand payment thereof, and if he then refuse or neg-

lect to pay the same, his Lodge shall prefer charges against him, try him, and if found guilty, and without sufficient mitigating circumstances, to expel from the Order. If there be such mitigating circumstances, then to impose such penalty as the Lodge may deem best.

Resolved, That the respective State Grand Lodges cause the foregoing resolutions to be embodied in their proceedings, and the attention of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments especially called to it.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 10, 1875.

Officers present,—F. M. Laughton, Grand Master ; E. P. Parcher, Deputy Grand Master ; B. C. Stone, Grand Warden ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; J. B. Nealley, Grand Representative ; G. A. Callahan, Grand Representative ; Geo. T. Means, Grand Marshal, *pro tem* ; J. W. Toward, Grand Conductor ; C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain ; H. P. Cox, Grand Guardian ; E. McAllaster, Grand Herald.

The following Past Grands were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

William B. Hodgkins, John Harper, of Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; James E. Finney, Horace Libby, of Saco, No. 2 ; Matthew Adams, Irving J. Brown, of Ancient Brothers, No. 4 ; Charles H. Fessenden, William Weeks, of Ligonias, No. 5 ; Elbridge Soule, Frank Shepherd, A. N. Carr, J. M. Taylor, of Lincoln No. 10 ; N. P. Roberts, of Saccarappa, No. 11 ; Silas P. Adams, Willett Andrews, of Granite, No. 14 ; William J. Wheeler, of Mount Mica, No. 17 ; Charles M. Lander, of Abou Ben Adhem, No. 23 ; John M. Hall, of Androscoggin, No. 24 ; F. C. Simonds, Randall Grant, of Mousam, No. 26 ; C. A. Harvey, J. S. Clement, of Olive Branch, No. 28 ; E. C. Chamberlin, L. G. Kimball, of Cumberland, No. 30 ; J. T. Chapman, of Mount Abram, No. 31 ; T. J. Murphy, of Union, No. 35 ; George H. Esty, of Samaritan, No. 39 ; Alvin Reed, of Monami, No. 40 ; A. A. Beaton, of Star of Hope, No. 42 ; John Ham, B. G. Dame, Joseph H. Dearborn, of Laconia, No.

44 ; J. L. Frink, of Pequawket, No. 46 ; William H. Littlefield, of Eagle, No. 47 ; J. E. Nichols, of Marriners, No. 53 ; Alden J. Blethen, of Franklin, No. 58 ; J. J. Davis, E. J. Riker, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62 ; Ezra Roberts, of Plymouth, No. 65 ; J. N. Smith, of Keazer Valley, No. 66 ; John H. Russell, Franklin Yeaton, of Beacon, No. 67 ; B. R. Rackliff, John R. Foss, of Fairfield, No. 68 ; A. K. L. Bedell, John W. Howe, of Friendship, No. 69 ; J. S. Hobbs, David Cargill, Mark Harden, of Asylum, No. 70 ; William W. Elmes, of Arambec, No. 71 ; George H. Hayes, Frank L. Berry, of Riverside, No. 72 ; S. O. Wood, of Golden Rule, No. 73.

Voted, That the R. W. Grand Warden confer the Grand Lodge Degree in the ante-room upon all duly accredited Past Grands who may appear.

The Grand Master read his annual report. He stated that during his term of office he had instituted thirteen new Lodges, viz :

Good Cheer, No. 37, Guilford ; Crescent, No. 25, North Lovell ; Monami, No. 40, Mechanic's Falls ; Star of Hope, No. 42, Vinal Haven ; Eagle, No. 47, North Berwick ; Highland, No. 48, Limerick ; Mariners, No. 53, Round Pond, Bristol ; Oxford, No. 61, North Waterford ; Abou Ben Adhem, No. 23, Auburn ; Saco Valley, No. 43, West Buxton ; Fryeburg, No. 49, Fryeburg ; Belfast, No. 41, Belfast ; Knox, No. 29, Rockland.

To one of the Lodges, Crescent, No. 25, a charter was granted at the last session. The others were instituted under dispensations.

He had used old numbers for all the Lodges above named.

Two Rebekah Lodges had been instituted ; one, York, No. 3, at Kittery, under a charter granted at the last session ; the other, Evangeline, No. 7, at Biddeford, under a dispensation.

He stated that he had made the following

DECISIONS.

1st. I have been asked whether the N. G. in taking a vote on any question, ought to call for "those opposed," instead of taking the vote of those in the affirmative, and declaring the vote. To which I answer yes. The law of the G. L. U. S. requires every member to vote, and both sides should be called, in order that those desiring to vote in the negative may do so. It is true a member may

doubt a vote if he desires to vote in the negative ; but a brother is entitled to an opportunity to vote without making himself conspicuous, and with as much quiet and as little parade as one voting in the affirmative ; and I advise the presiding officer to call for both sides, so long as the law requires every member to vote.

2d. Questions have been presented from various Lodges as to their jurisdiction over persons residing where there is no Lodge. I have ruled that persons desiring to join the Order, living in towns where no Lodge exists, must apply to the Lodge nearest their residence ; and that no other Lodge has jurisdiction, except on first obtaining the consent of such nearer Lodge. Some controversy having arisen as to the correctness of my decision, I wrote to the Grand Sire, stating my decision and giving my reasons for it, to which he replied that my reasons were good and my decision correct. I have, however, always ruled that if a Lodge not the nearest had received and initiated a person, without fault on the part of the applicant, the initiation was valid ; his membership protected ; and that the Lodge had jurisdiction over him as over any member, and should proceed to confer the degrees.

3d. I have had numerous applications from Lodges asking for dispensations to do various things, such as wearing regalia in the street, and the like, *for the year*. To all such requests I have replied that I believe the Grand Lodge did not intend to invest its Grand Master with authority to wholesale dispensations ; else the Grand Master might at once render all legislation as to dispensations nugatory during his term of office. I have only granted them, one at a time, with reference to the facts in each case.

4th. Washington Lodge, No. 4, of Great Falls, N. H., asked my consent to initiate such candidates as should present themselves during the year, residing in Berwick, Maine. The towns are separated only by a short bridge, and are intimately connected in interest. Other Lodges in this State being several miles distant, it was believed that the members thus initiated in New Hampshire would not join the Order unless permitted to go there. The petition was opposed by some, on the ground that there ought to be a Lodge in Berwick, and that this State ought to save its members.

I became satisfied, however, that a Lodge could not be established at Berwick ; that only a small number were joining there each year ; that the field had been pretty well worked up ; and that such as had joined in New Hampshire were opposed to a Lodge at Berwick, being unable to get a hall, and for other reasons. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of New Hampshire also frequently extend similar courtesies to us.

Some of my predecessors had granted similar permission, extending through their terms of office. This I did not feel warranted in doing, and refused to do so, but told them that when they desired to take a candidate from Berwick, if they would correspond with me, I would consider each case by itself ; and that so long as the prospect of a Lodge at Berwick remained as it then was, I should grant permission as often as requested.

5th. I have decided that when a Lodge requests permission of another Lodge

to initiate a candidate within the jurisdiction of the latter, a majority vote only is required to grant such permission. This is unlike the practice in other orders but in our law there is no provision for such cases, beyond an ordinary vote.

The foregoing decisions of the Grand Master were approved.

The Grand Master advised the appointment of a committee to consider whether there exists a necessity for redistricting the State.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to nomination and election of Grand Officers with the following result :

B. C. Stone, Grand Master ; Stephen K. Dyer, Deputy Grand Master ; W. E. Hogan, Grand Warden ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; Daniel W. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; F. M. Laughton, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The special committee on celebration stated that the celebration of the thirty-first anniversary of the introduction of the Order into this State was successfully carried out. The amount of receipts were \$4,350, and disbursements \$3,805.58, leaving a balance of \$544.42, due the Grand Lodge.

The report was adopted and the committee instructed to pay over to the Grand Treasurer the balance in their hands.

The special committee appointed for that purpose, presented a constitution for the government of Rebekah Degree Lodges, which was laid on the table until the next session.

The Finance committee reported that they had examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and found them correct. The committee recommended that the Grand Treasurer be a committee, with power to procure for the use of the Grand Secretary and himself a suitable office.

They also recommended that the salary of the Grand Secretary

be increased one hundred dollars, in consideration of the large increase of business of that office.

Report adopted.

On motion of brother S. K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer,

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid Bro. John K. Hooper, for services as janitor to this Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. H. Smith, P. G., offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be placed at the disposal of the Grand Master, to be used in instituting new Lodges, and reviving defunct ones. Also to pay any portion of the same to secure the services of a Lecturer upon the principles of Odd Fellowship.

The committee on the State of the order in their report on the amended by-laws of Mousam Lodge, No. 26, recommended that Section 5 of Article 7, be approved, and that Sections 6 and 7, of Article 7, be not approved.

Adopted.

The same committee answered the following question in the negative :

"Can a Lodge knowingly entertain, and accept a proposition for membership legally, of a person who has been proposed in another Lodge and rejected within three months, and can a Lodge legally initiate such a person if elected?"

Adopted.

The special committee on re-districting the State submitted the following, which was adopted :

District No. 1.—Saco Lodge, No. 2 ; Granite Lodge, No. 14 ; Mousam Lodge, No. 26 ; Laconia Lodge, No. 44 ; Saco (Rebekah Lodge,) No. 2 ; Evangeline (Rebekah Lodge,) No. 7.

District No. 2.—Olive Branch Lodge, No. 28 ; Eagle Lodge, No. 47 ; Riverside Lodge, No. 72 ; York (Rebekah Lodge,) No. 3.

District No. 3.—Saco Valley Lodge, No. 43 ; Highland Lodge, No. 48 ; Friendship Lodge, No. 69.

District No. 4.—Maine Lodge, No. 1 ; Ancient Brothers Lodge, No. 4 ; Ligonias Lodge, No. 5 ; Saccarappa Lodge, No. 11 ; Beacon Lodge, No. 67 ; Naomi (Rebekah Lodge,) No. 1 ; Ivy (Rebekah Lodge,) No. 5.

District No. 5.—Crescent Lodge, No. 25 ; Cumberland Lodge, No. 30 ; Pequawket Lodge, No. 46 ; Fryeburg Lodge, No. 49 ; Oxford Lodge, No. 61 ; Keazer Valley Lodge, No. 66 ; Judith (Rebekah Lodge,) No. 6.

District No. 6.—Norway Lodge, No. 16 ; Mount Mica Lodge, No. 17 ; Mount Abram Lodge, No. 31 ; Monami Lodge, No. 40.

District No. 7.—Sabattus River Lodge, No. 21 ; Abou Ben Adhem Lodge, No. 23 ; Androscoggin Lodge, No. 24 ; Manufacturers and Mechanics Lodge, No. 62 ; Golden Rule Lodge, No. 73 ; Fidelity (Rebekah Lodge,) No. 4.

District No. 8.—Lemon Stream Lodge, No. 55 ; Franklin Lodge, No. 58.

District No. 9.—Carrabasset Lodge, No. 34 ; Samaritan Lodge, No. 39 ; Fairfield Lodge, No. 68.

District No. 10.—Gardiner Lodge, No. 9 ; Asylum Lodge, No. 70.

District No. 11.—Lincoln Lodge, No. 10 ; Marriners Lodge, No. 53 ; Arambec Lodge, No. 71.

District No. 12.—Knox Lodge, No. 29 ; Union Lodge, No. 35 ; Star of Hope Lodge, No. 42.

District No. 13.—Belfast Lodge, No. 41.

District No. 14.—Penobscot Lodge, No. 7 ; Tarratine Lodge, No. 27 ; Oriental Lodge, No. 60.

District No. 15.—Good Cheer Lodge, No. 37 ; Dirigo Lodge, No. 63 ; Kineo Lodge, No. 64 ; Plymouth Lodge, No. 65.

The committee on Petitions, in their report, recommended that the action of the Grand Master, in issuing warrants for the following Lodges be approved, and that charters be issued accordingly :

Abou Ben Adhem, No. 23, Auburn ; Knox, No. 29, Rockland ; Good Cheer, No. 37, Guilford ; Monami, No. 40, Mechanic's Falls ; Star of Hope, No. 42, Vinal Haven ; Saco Valley, No. 43, West Buxton ; Belfast No. 41, Belfast ; Eagle, No. 47, North Berwick ; Highland, No. 48, Limerick ; Fryeburg, No. 49, Fryeburg Centre ;

Mariners, No. 53, Bristol; Oxford, No. 61, North Waterford; Evangeline, No. 7, (Daughters of Rebekah,) Biddeford.

Brother E. P. Banks, P. G. M., was appointed as a special committee to inquire into the expense of publishing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from the year 1848, and report at the next annual session.

The committee on appeals reported on the appeal of brother George H. G. Palmer, from the action of Carrabasset Lodge, No. 34, in expelling him from the Order. It appeared that brother Palmer had no notice of said charges, and the time of trial thereon.

They recommended that the appeal be sustained and a new trial given.

Adopted.

The same committee, on the appeal of brother James M. Moshier from the action of Franklin Lodge, No. 58, in refusing to pay him sick benefits, recommended that the action of the Lodge be sustained and the appeal dismissed.

Adopted.

The same committee reported on an appeal of brother W. K. Neal, P. G., from the action of Ligonja Lodge, No. 5, in the trial of brother James D. Moore, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. The committee found that the brother did not plead guilty to the charge, and the Lodge did not find him guilty but refused to pass the motion to suspend him for one year by a vote of 72 to 90.

They recommended that the appeal be dismissed.

Adopted.

Brother Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., P. G. M., State annalist, made a verbal report, requesting that a special committee be appointed, to advise with him as to the outline, and facts to be incorporated into the proposed history. The matter was referred to the committee on the State of the Order, on whose report, a committee was appointed consisting of James E. Haseltine, P. G. M., O. B. Whitten, P. G. M., and S. B. Beckett, P. G.

The death of brother Charles Holden, P. G., of Maine Lodge, No. 1, was announced, and resolutions of respect to his memory adopted. Also the deaths of Job M. Cook, P. G., of Androscoggin Lodge, No. 24, and John H. Williams, P. G., of Maine Lodge, No. 1.

Memorial pages in the proceedings were ordered to be set apart to the memory of each the foregoing deceased brothers.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

Byron Kimball, Grand Marshal ; S. G. Hills, Grand Conductor ; C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain ; Mark Harden, Grand Guardian ; W. J. Wheeler, Grand Herald.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, E. L. Sawyer ; No. 2, Frank L. Berry ; No. 3, Ivory Brooks ; No. 4, Stephen K. Dyer, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 5, B. C. Stone, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 6, A. M. True ; No. 7, Hiram Snow ; No. 8, E. I. Merrill ; No. 9, B. R. Rackliff ; No. 10, J. W. Toward ; No. 11, W. E. Hogan, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 12, A. A. Beaton ; No. 13, ——— ; No. 14, E. A. Buck ; No. 15, G. W. Pratt.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 7½ o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother Joshua Nye, P. G., presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., it is against the principles of Odd Fellowship for any member of the Order to engage in a business that is made a crime by the statutes of the State ; and that it is the duty of a Lodge of which such person is a member, to expel him from the same, after suitable admonition, if the crime is continued or persisted in.

Rejected.

[The above resolution was regarded as being aimed at the unlawful traffic in intoxicating liquors, and as such was discussed at considerable length.]

A special committee, consisting of N. G. Cummings, P. G. M., E. P. Banks, P. G. M., and C. K. Ladd, P. G. M., was appointed to revise the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That when a candidate is balloted for in the initiatory Degree, that it shall be the duty of the N. G. to pass the ballot box to his right and left supporters for inspection before he discloses the result.

Brother S. K. Dyer, D. G. Master, offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to invest, in City of Portland Registered Bonds, any money that may be deposited in the Savings Banks, whenever he can do so for the interest of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Total initiations for the term ending December 31st, 1874, 637 ; admitted by card, 60 ; reinstated, 16 ; withdrawn by card, 64 ; suspended, 66 ; expelled, 3 ; deceased, 22 ; rejected, 93 ; number of Past Grands, 593 ; contributing members, 5,473.

Total number of initiations for the term ending June 30, 1875, 797 ; admitted by card, 103 ; reinstated, 26 ; withdrawn by card, 120 ; suspended, 47 ; expelled, 1 ; deceased, 32 ; rejected, 152 ; number initiate members, 661 ; scarlet Degree members, 4,997 ; Past Grands, 623 ; total number of contributing members, 6,199.

Relief for the year ending December 31, 1874.

Number of brothers relieved, 346 ; widowed families relieved, 46 ; brothers buried, 36 ; number of weeks sickness for which benefits were paid, 2,842 ; amount paid for relief of brothers, \$13,018.46 ; paid for relief of widowed families, \$1,470.97 ; paid for education of orphans, \$115.53 ; total amount of relief, \$16,077.63 ; current expenses, separate from benefits and charities, \$19,214.67 ; amount of annual receipts, \$50,805.21 ; invested funds, \$111,910.69.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

Grand Representatives report.

The report of the Grand Representatives opens with an account of the reception of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Indianapolis, and continues by saying that the session was a hard-worked and interesting one, and many questions of vital importance to the Order were considered.

DECISIONS OF THE GRAND SIRE.

1st. A member in good standing in his Lodge is entitled to pecuniary benefits while sick and unable to attend to his ordinary avocations, although he may have an income sufficient for his support.

2d. It is lawful for a Subordinate Lodge to donate its funds for any purpose within the object and scope of the Order.

3d. The 'general management and conduct of Degree Lodges are subjects of local legislation.

4th. That a Grand Lodge of a State must grant an appeal from its decision to the Grand Lodge of the United States ; and that in vacation, the Grand Master cannot grant said appeal.

5th. That a Subordinate Encampment should not use its funds to procure street uniforms.

6th. That a member of a Subordinate Lodge, desiring to join an Encampment, should join the nearest Encampment to his residence in the same jurisdiction.

7th. That a brother in good standing cannot be kept out of his Grand or Subordinate Lodge while the minutes of the preceding meeting are being read, if he desires to enter and can work his way into the Lodge.

8th. That the Grand Encampment of Ohio, has no right to assign as a Representative of a district, a patriarch who is not a member of an Encampment in the district he is assigned to represent.

9th. That the law authorizing the N. G. of a Lodge to communicate the semi-annual pass-word to a brother of another Lodge, at the request of the N. G. of the Lodge to which he may belong, under the seal of the Lodge, applies to the N. G., in the same jurisdiction, and not in different jurisdictions.

10th. That when a member of an Encampment has been dropped for non-payment of dues, it is not imperative upon the Encampment to re-instate him, although he may offer to pay up all his dues ; but if they refuse to re-instate him, they should grant him a dismissal certificate.

11th. That when a person has been elected to receive all the Encampment Degrees, and a dispensation has been granted to confer them all at the same meeting, it is lawful for another Encampment in the same jurisdiction to confer said degrees at the request of the Encampment in which he was elected.

12th. That there is no law compelling Subordinate Lodges to send their members to a Degree Lodge to receive the degrees, although the Degree Lodge may be in the same city or town.

13th. That while Subordinate Encampments are in session, transacting their ordinary business, the members should not wear their street uniform.

14th. That a member of an Encampment, clothed in street uniform, presenting himself for admission while the Encampment is transacting its ordinary business, may be admitted ; but should be compelled to clothe himself in proper regalia while he remains in the Encampment.

15th. That what is meant by a ballot, is when the N. G. declares the ballot closed, and announces the result.

16th. That a Lodge or Encampment, with its officers, can, in a body, visit another Lodge or Encampment outside of its jurisdiction, without cards or the A. T. P. W.

17th. That the Washington Monument is not such an object or purpose as is contemplated by our laws to which the funds of a Subordinate Lodge can or should be appropriated.

18th. That the law of the last session, prescribing a street uniform, is supreme, and virtually abrogates any law of a State jurisdiction in conflict with it.

19th. That a P. G. of the R. P. Degree can, and may wear a jewel of yellow metal. (See Digest, 1655.)

20th. That a record of a trial in the Courts upon a charge of the violation of the laws of the land, is *prima facie* proof of the facts appearing therein, and where charges are preferred against a brother for a violation of the laws of the Order, the same he has been tried for in the Courts, the record in the Courts is competent proof in the trial in the Lodge, and is conclusive, unless other evidence be introduced besides that in the record; and on such trial, either party may introduce such evidence as is not embraced in the record.

These decisions were approved, except the 4, 6, 11, 14, 15 and 16 which were modified as follows:

4th. A Grand Master cannot grant an appeal from the action of his Grand Lodge.

6th. It is left to local State legislation to regulate whether or not a member of a Subordinate Lodge shall join the nearest Encampment to his residence. (See Digest, 1718.)

11th. That when a person has been elected to receive all the Encampment degrees, and has received the patriarchal degree and a dispensation has been granted to confer the other degrees at the same meeting, it is lawful for another Encampment, in the same jurisdiction, to confer these degrees at the request of the Encampment in which he was elected and admitted to the initiatory or patriarchal degree.

14th. That a member of an Encampment, clothed in street uniform, presenting himself for admission while the Encampment is transacting its ordinary business, shall be treated the same as if he presented himself without such uniform.

15th. A ballot is closed when it is so declared by the presiding officer.

16th. That a Lodge or Encampment, with its officers, can in a body, visit another Lodge or Encampment outside of its jurisdiction, without cards, or the A. T. P. W., but it is necessary that one of their first two officers in charge of such visiting body, should be in possession of the A. T. P. W., and have his card.

GENERAL RETURNS.

	Year 1873.	Year 1874.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges,	46	46		
Subordinate Lodges,	5,486	5,987	501	
Rebekah Degree Lodges,	512	632	120	
Grand Encampments,	36	38	2	
Subordinate Encampments,	1,512	1,630	118	
Lodge initiations,	57,454	55,005		2,449
Lodge members,	414,815	438,701	23,886	
Encampment members,	80,131	83,445	3,314	
Relief by Lodges,	\$1,335,937.33	\$1,374,742.54	\$38,805.21	
“ “ Encampments,	150,787.06	158,708.36	7,921.30	
“ “ Rebekah Lodges,	3,550.33	4,542.51	992.18	
Total Relief,	1,490,274.72	1,537,993.41	47,718.69	
Revenue of Lodges,	3,939,793.62	4,006,331.26	66,537.64	
“ “ Encampments,	478,469.06	465,985.01		\$12,484.05
“ “ Rebekah Lodges,	15,738.40	38,664.22	22,925.82	
Total Revenue,	4,434,001.08	4,510,980.49	76,979.41	

From 1830, to December 31, 1874.

Initiations,	-	-	-	-	-	924,428
Members relieved,	-	-	-	-	-	685,963
Widowed families relieved,	-	-	-	-	-	91,095
Members deceased,	-	-	-	-	-	60,776
Total receipts,	-	-	-	-	-	\$55,338,423.82
“ Relief,	-	-	-	-	-	20,542,494.71

VISITING CARDS.

It was decided that a ballot is not necessary in granting visiting cards, but that it is necessary for the Lodge to pass upon the matter, either by formal vote, or by the presiding officer stating, upon the reception of the application therefor, that “the card will be granted if there be no objection.”

A. T. P. W.

It was decided that the N. G. must communicate the A. T. P. W. to a brother who has forgotten it during the life of his card.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

It was decided that benefits should not be paid to the executor or administrator of a deceased brother, but to his family, or dependent relatives. If there are relatives who were not members of his family, and were not dependent upon him, they have no claim. It is not the intention of the Order to pay the debts of a deceased brother, but to assist his family.

FIFTH DEGREE MEMBERS.

A resolution to admit Fifth Degree Members, in good standing, to witness the proceedings of Grand Lodges, was lost.

THE WHITE RACE ONLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The following resolution was adopted for the purpose of settling a vexed question :

Resolved, That admission to our Order, has always been restricted to the white race. That this law has been, and is now well established and understood wherever American Odd Fellowship is known, and that any and all attempts to change the same should not be countenanced by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

CHARITY AND RELIEF.

The following resolutions were adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That when any jurisdiction shall suffer some great calamity, and a relief committee shall be duly authorized to receive and disburse money to the sufferers, it shall be the duty of the R. W. Grand Master of such jurisdiction to see that the Treasurer of such fund shall execute and deliver to him a bond to secure the money placed, or to be placed, in his hands for the purposes of relief.

2. *Resolved*, That one of the conditions of said bond shall be that should there be any surplus left in his hands after the purposes for which such fund is contributed have been completed and performed, then that said obligor shall pay the same to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States upon the order of the M. W. Grand Sire.

3. *Resolved*, That in such an event as is set forth in the first resolution, any committee appointed to administer a relief fund shall be required, within a reasonable time, to make to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction a full and complete report of their proceedings in the premises, and especially if there should be a surplus of money on hand, to report the amount thereof.

4. *Resolved*, That should any surplus of said moneys be reported as aforesaid the Grand Master shall notify the M. W. Grand Sire of the same, who shall forthwith proceed to draw for the same to the order of the Grand Master.

5. *Resolved*, That any such surplus of moneys that shall come to the hands of the Grand Treasurer, as aforesaid, shall be invested and held by him under the orders of this Grand Lodge, to be kept for such purposes of special relief as may seem best to conserve the purposes for which they were contributed.

SUBORDINATE DEGREES.

It was decided again that the right to confer the Five Degrees cannot be taken from a Lodge by a Degree Lodge or State Grand Lodge.

HOLY BIBLE.

The Holy Bible is an integral part of Odd Fellowship, and should be present in every Lodge when open for business.

RENUNCIATION.

It was decided that a brother who voluntarily renounces the Order, thereby renounces all claim to any benefit he may be entitled to, and has no further claim upon the Order.

INTRODUCTION BY GRAND OFFICERS.

The by-laws allowing Grand Representatives to introduce members of the Order into their respective branches, was amended so that a Grand Representative from a Grand Lodge or Encampment, may now introduce brothers into Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, thus extending their power to both branches of the Order, instead of being confined to the branch they represent.

FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP.

A Daughter of Rebekah, who is a widow, forfeits her membership in the Order, when she marries again.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

AUGUSTA, AUGUST 8, 1876.

Officers present—B. C. Stone, Grand Master ; S. K. Dyer, Deputy Grand Master ; W. E. Hogan, Grand Warden ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; D. W. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Geo. A. Callahan, Grand Representative ; F. M. Laughton, Grand Representative ; Byron Kimball, Grand Marshal ; S. G. Hills, Grand Conductor ; C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain ; Mark Harden, Grand Guardian ; E. McAllister, Grand Herald, *pro tem*.

The following Past Grands were then admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

James R. Foss, W. S. Hasty, of Saco Lodge, No. 2 ; Charles E. Pierce, Asa B. Russell, of Ligonias, No. 5 ; Joseph Page, of Penobscot, No. 7 ; J. M. Smith, James Nash, of Gardiner, No. 9 ; George Pepper, of Lincoln, No. 10 ; George T. Springer, of Saccarappa, No. 11 ; Edward Beaumont, of Pejepscot, No. 13 ; Jeremiah Goldsborough, of Granite, No. 14 ; S. F. Sargent, of Norway, No. 16 ; William Sheehan, of Sabattus River, No. 21 ; George F. Stetson, George B. Briggs, of Abou Ben Adhem, No. 23 ; Andrew T. Bean, Seth P. Miller, Royal M. Mason, of Androscoggin, No. 24 ; E. W. Hill, of Crescent, No. 25 ; E. W. Conant, of Tarratine, No. 27 ; John W. Morrison, of Olive Branch, No. 28 ; Charles A. Libby, of Knox, No. 29 ; E. A. Gibbs, E. A. Littlefield, of Cumberland, No. 30 ; A. M. True, of Mount Abiram, No. 31 ; A. H. Weston, of Carrabasset, No. 34 ; T. A.

Davis, Silas Hawes, A. M. Wingate, of Union, No. 35 ; George Scales, L. T. Boothby, of Samaritan, No. 39 ; William W. Castle, of Belfast, No. 41 ; John Lowe, of Star of Hope, No. 42 ; A. H. Barnes, of Saco Valley, No. 43 ; William H. Hanson, Jr., of Laconia, No. 44 ; William B. Littlefield, of Eagle, No. 47 ; C. W. Waterhouse, Jr., of Fryeburg, No. 49 ; M. M. Rhodes, of Mariners, No. 53 ; John Metcalf, of Lemon Stream, No. 55 ; J. J. Linscott, of Franklin, No. 58 ; C. B. Heath, of Manufacturers and Mechanics, No. 62 ; B. C. Lowell, of Kineo, No. 64 ; G. M. Sturtevant, of Plymouth, No. 65 ; George H. Maxwell, of Keazer Valley, No. 66 ; Willlam H. Ohler, of Beacon, No. 67 ; Simeon Merrill, H. V. Totman, W. C. Simpson, of Fairfield, No. 68 ; William H. Brown, of Friendship, No. 69 ; R. B. Capen, W. B. Leighton, of Asylum, No. 70 ; Thomas R. Wilson, Jacob Joy, of Riverside, No. 72 ; George A. Chandler, of Golden Rule, No. 73.

Brother A. E. Chase, P. G., moved the following standing resolutions for this Grand Lodge, which were adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge prepare two certificates for those who may be entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge at its Annual Session, and that one of these certificates be forwarded to the Grand Secretary with the semi-annual returns, and the other given to the brother entitled to it.

Resolved, That the committee on credentials be present at each annual session, at least thirty minutes before the opening of the Grand Lodge, to receive the credentials of the brothers, and report upon the same immediately according to the order of business, after the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary prepare for the committee on credentials a certified list of the brothers whose credentials have been forwarded to him, and forward the same to the said committee the day before the session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of W. H. Smith, P. G.,

Voted, That the R. W. Grand Warden confer the Grand Lodge Degree in the ante-room upon all duly accredited Past Grands who may appear.

The Grand Master then read his annual report. He reported all of the Lodges as being in a healthy and prosperous condition.

He stated that he had re-instituted Pejepscot Lodge, No. 13, at Brunswick, and instituted two Lodges, viz. : Echo, No. 52, at Berwick, and West Paris, No. 15, at West Paris.

Five Rebekah Degree Lodges have been instituted during the year, viz.: Ray of Hope Lodge, No. 8, D. of R., at North Berwick; Charity Lodge, No. 9, D. of R., at Norway; Aurora Lodge, No. 10, D. of R., at Belfast; Myrtle Lodge, No. 11, D. of R., at Vinalhaven; Julian Lodge, No. 12, D. of R., at Fryeburg, Centre.

He stated that in June, he received a lengthy communication from Ligonja Lodge, No. 5, containing a statement of facts in relation to the action of the Lodge in regard to benefits, with an appeal from P. G., Wm. K. Neal, against the action of the Lodge.

The question was, "Is the brother entitled to benefits?"

Answer, "If entitled to any he is entitled to all, I hold, from a due consideration of all the facts, that he is not entitled to any."

He further stated that June 8, he received the following communication:

I. O. O. F.

BEACON LODGE, No. 67, }
Portland, June 6, 1876. }

To the M. W. Grand Master I. O. O. F. of Maine:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In accordance with the latter vote hereupon written, I send to you this communication, and in order that you may understand the circumstances, I also transmit all the votes that bear upon the matter.

"A motion that this Lodge accept the invitation tendered the committee on Fair to take part in the celebration of the Fourth of July, and turn out that day as a Lodge, was lost." (Extract from records of May 9, 1876.) "On motion, it was voted, that this Lodge appear in procession on the Fourth of July next." (Extract from records of May 16, 1876.) "Voted, that permission be asked of the Grand Master for this Lodge to appear in regalia on the Fourth of July next, in the procession upon that day." (Extract from records of May 23, 1876.)

Yours in F. L. & T.,

A. E. CHASE, Sec'y.

June 15, or thereabouts, before granting the dispensation asked for, he received this appeal and questions pertaining thereto:

I. O. O. F.

BEACON LODGE, No. 67, }
Portland, June 13, 1876. }

To the Grand Master, I. O. O. F., of the State of Maine:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At the regular session of this Lodge, held this evening, brother A. E. Chase P. G., appealed from the action of the Lodge as shown by the votes of May 9, 16, 23, and submitted the following questions for the decisions of the Grand Master, I. O. O. F. of this State,:

First, Are all the votes of Beacon Lodge, No. 67, I. O. O. F., in regard to joining the procession on the Fourth of July next, and appearing as a Lodge on that day, as recorded under the dates of May 9, 16, 23, in the proceedings of said Lodge, legal or illegal ?

Second, If all of said votes are not legal, which are the illegal votes, and which the legal votes ?

Third, Can a Lodge decide a question at any meeting, and at its next, or any subsequent meeting, act upon the same subject anew, provided, however, that no subsidiary motion is made to bring it before the Lodge at the next or any subsequent meeting ?

And the appeal was directed to be minuted and certified to the Grand Master. A true copy of the appeal and proceedings thereupon.

Attest :

A. E. CHASE, Sec'y.

L. H. McKenney, N. G.

The Grand Master's answer to these questions was : " The votes are not all legal. The first is a legal vote. The second is illegal, and the third, which is based upon the second, is unnecessary or uncalled for.

The Grand Master further stated that in July, he received another communication from Ligonja Lodge, with an appeal from P. G., W. K. Neal, with a statement to the effect that

" A member of the Lodge had been convicted seventeen times within three years last past, of violation of one of the criminal laws of this State, which prohibits the illegal keeping and sale of intoxicating liquors within this State ; " that the question, had been propounded to the N. G., asking him, " Is the brother guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and, is it the duty of the Supervisory committee to bring the matter before the Lodge in the form of charges ? which question was answered in the negative by the N. G., who was sustained in his decision by the Lodge." In reply he stated that he should reverse the decision of the N. G., and the Lodge, and answer " Yes ; " that all our charges, lectures, and principles, taught us that as Odd Fellows, we were bound to obey and submit to the law and become law abiding citizens ; that, however, we might differ in opinion as regards the principle, propriety, working, or even constitutionality of a law, as long as it remains upon our statute book by the general consent of our citizens, we, as Odd Fellows, were bound to submit to it ; that any member of our Order, who knowingly and wilfully persisted in breaking that law, was guilty of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow."

He had declined to approve amendments to the by-laws of Friendship Lodge, No. 69, and Norway Lodge, No. 16, restricting the payment of benefits to a sick brother, to thirteen weeks in one year, believing it to be contrary to the spirit and intention of our

Order. He made the decision that Lodges have no right to restrict the benefits of a member entitled to receive any, to a given number of weeks or months. Learning that Pequawket Lodge, No. 46, had held their meetings semi-monthly, thus failing to comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which makes twenty-six nights necessary to complete a term, he decided that he could not legally install their officers elect, in July last, they having been installed in January last, and declined to do so. He had also been informed that Mousam Lodge, No. 26, have only semi-monthly meetings. He suggested that the Grand Lodge take such action in these cases as may be deemed most proper and expedient.

He stated that controversies had arisen in regard to "jurisdiction." Some Lodges contending that "nearest Lodge" meant nearest in point of distance by actual measurement from point to point, and others, that it meant by convenience, or nearest of access. He had ruled that an applicant must go to the Lodge nearest his residence in point of convenience, or easiness of access.

He alluded to the difficulty in finding out what local legislation has taken place in regard to certain points of law left to the Grand Lodge, and recommended that "a committee be raised whose duty it shall be to revise all acts of local legislation, put them in proper shape, with a suitable index, and have it bound in a proper manner, and thus prepare and furnish a digest of the laws of this jurisdiction, as left to it to decide, and that such a number of copies be provided as to enable the Grand Lodge to furnish each Subordinate Lodge with a copy."

The following communication was received from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Chili, and on motion of J. N. Read, P. G., the request was directed to be complied with, and an appropriate response be made by the Grand Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

Right Worthy Grand Lodge of The Republic of Chili.

VALPARAISO, December 11, 1875.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of The Republic of Chili, I. O. O. F., held

at Valparaiso, on the 11th day of December, 1875, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, having granted a charter for a Grand Lodge of this Republic, which Grand Lodge, the first in South America, was regularly instituted on the 18th day of November, 1875, by the Hon. C. A. Logan, S. D. G. S., P. G. S., it is incumbent on this Grand Lodge to notify all Sister Grand Lodges of an event of such paramount importance to the prosperity and advancement of our beloved Order in this distant part of the World, and also to convey to them the fraternal greetings of this Grand Lodge ; and

Whereas, Fraternal interchanges of communications and publications between Grand Lodges being calculated to promote in a high degree the best interests of our Order, be it

Resolved, That the fraternal greetings and cordial salutations of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to all our Sister Grand Lodges throughout the globe, and while asking them to rejoice with us over the consummation of an event of such vast importance, as is the institution of a Grand Lodge, to a jurisdiction which in the short space of eighteen months has given, birth to seven vigorous Subordinate Lodges, and one Subordinate Encampment we sincerely pray that every blessing may attend their labors in behalf of our friendly Order.

Resolved, That all Sister Grand Lodges throughout the globe be respectfully asked to forward to us copies of their printed journals in exchange for those of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be instructed to transmit to all Sister Grand Lodges a copy of these preambles and resolutions, under the official seal of this Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM J. DEGRESS,
Grand Secretary.

[SEAL.]

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination and election of Grand Officers, with the following result :

Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Master ; William E. Hogan, Deputy Grand Master ; John Reed, Grand Warden ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; Daniel W. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; B. C. Stone, Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The constitution for Rebekah Degree Lodges, laid on the table at the last session, was taken up and adopted.

The committee on that subject, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table until after the report in regard to preparing a Digest of the laws of the Grand Lodge.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, I. O. O. F. :

Having been appointed a committee at the last annual session, to ascertain and report to the Grand Lodge, the expense of reprinting the proceedings from and including the year 1849 to 1875, beg leave to report :

That I have made some inquiries to that end and find that to have the work executed, as well at least as the proceedings of 1875, it will cost about \$2,300 for 1000 copies, cloth, bound in one volume ; for 1000 copies, bound in two volumes, about \$2,400 ; for 500 copies, bound in two volumes, about \$2000. These are approximate sums and may vary, but they are sufficiently near for the Grand Lodge to act somewhat understandingly in the matter. These sums do not include the proceedings of 1876, of course, and there will be this additional expense.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. BANKS,

Committee.

The special committee on that subject, submitted a revised constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which was laid on the table until the next annual session, and ordered to be printed.

The committee appointed at the last session to procure an office for the use of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, reported that he had made arrangements for an office for their accommodation in Farrington's new block, situated on Congress street, City of Portland ; said block will contain a fire proof brick vault to be used by this Grand Lodge, in conjunction with the Grand Encampment, and Odd Fellows of Portland. Accepted.

Brother A. E. Chase, P. G., moved that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be empowered to furnish their office, which was agreed to.

The special committee appointed at the last session to advise with the Annalist, reported that very little, if anything had been accomplished.

Brother A. D. Smith, P. G., moved that brother Benj. Kings-

bury, Jr., P. G. M., be discharged from further services as State Annalist, which was agreed to.

The committee on petitions, in their report, recommended that charters be granted to Echo Lodge, No. 52, at Berwick, and West Paris Lodge, No. 15, at West Paris, and that the charter fee paid by Pejepscot Lodge, No. 13, be refunded.

The same committee, on the petition of Monami Lodge, No. 40, requesting to be attached to District No. 7, recommended that the request be granted. Adopted.

Brother A. D. Smith, P. G., moved that brother N. G. Cummings, P. G. M., be appointed State Annalist, which was agreed to.

Past Grand Master, William H. Barnes, of New York, was invited to address the Grand Lodge, to which invitation our distinguished guest responded in an able and interesting address.

The committee on appeals reported on the appeal of brother Ivory Brooks, against the action of Friendship Lodge, No. 69, in refusing to pay him benefits. The committee recommended that in the absence of proper evidence in the case, the appeal be dismissed.

Report adopted.

The same committee, on the appeal of brother Anthony B. Crockett, against the action of Norway Lodge, No. 16, in refusing to pay him sick benefits. It appears, that according to the by-laws of his Lodge, brother Crockett is only entitled to benefits during the time he was "confined to the house," the time of such confinement to be shown by a physician's certificate. In the absence of such evidence, the committee recommended that the appeal be dismissed, until the certificate—stating the number of weeks—be furnished to the Lodge, as required by its by-laws.

Report adopted.

The following resolution, submitted by the committee on appeals, was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter all matters of grievances or appeals presented to this Grand Lodge, must be accompanied by a certified copy of the records of the Lodge, from which such appeal is made, bearing on the case in question.

The special committee on Degree of Rebekah, in their report, recommended that charters be granted the following lodges :

Ray of Hope Lodge, No. 8, North Berwick ; Charity Lodge, No. 9, Norway ; Aurora Lodge, No. 16, Belfast ; Myrtle Lodge, No. 17, Vinalhaven ; Julian Lodge, No. 12, Fryeburg Centre.

Report adopted.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on the State of the Order in their report, recommended that the by-laws of Carrabasset Lodge be approved ; also that the by-laws of Samaritan Lodge, No. 39, be approved with the exception of Section 2, of Article 7, which reads as follows :

"Whenever a brother whose usual occupation consists both in manual labor and in the management of any species of business, or in the superintending of secular affairs only, shall be disabled, from any cause, from attending to manual labor in person, but is able to attend to the supervision of his business in charge, he is not to be regarded as coming within the provisions of the by-laws for conferring benefits."

Also that the by-laws of Maine Lodge, No. 1, be approved, with the exception of Section 2, of Article 5, which is the same as Section 2, of Article 7 of Samaritan Lodge, alluded to above.

Report adopted.

[The action of the Grand Lodge, in disapproving the provisions of the by-laws of these Lodges in relation to benefits, appears to be in direct conflict with the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States. See Digest 171, 172, 173.]

The same committee reported on the decisions of the Grand Master as follows :

That the decision in case of appeal by Past Grand William K. Neal, from the action of Ligonja Lodge, No. 5, in relation to J. H. Brackett, be not approved,

the papers in the case showing that the brother was technically in good standing in the Lodge.

That the decision in case of votes in Beacon Lodge, No. 67, be approved.

That the decision in regard to non-approval of amendment to by-laws of Friendship Lodge, No. 69, and Norway Lodge, No. 16, be approved.

That the decision in relation to Pequawket Lodge, No. 46, be approved.

That the decision in regard to the interpretation of the law as to jurisdiction and meaning of the expression, "nearest his place of residence," be approved.

Report adopted.

The same committee, on the decision of the Grand Master in the case of appeal of Past Grand William K. Neal, from the action of Ligonja Lodge, No. 5, presented two reports. The majority of the committee recommended that the decision be approved. The minority took the ground that

"When this Grand Lodge particularly enumerates any violations of law, the commission of which shall prevent a man from joining the Order, or subject a brother to charges and punishment, it acts in direct opposition to the law of the G. L. U. S., which says, "that it is not competent for any Grand Lodge to create new tests of membership," and that it is a man's own Lodge which should pass upon his fitness for membership. No where else can he be tried for an offence."

The minority of the committee recommended that the decision be not approved. The majority report was adopted.

The Grand Officers elect, were then installed.

The Grand Master then announced the following appointments, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge:

S. P. Getchell, Grand Marshal; E. L. Sawyer, Grand Conductor; C. H. Blake, Grand Chaplain; E. J. Riker, Grand Guardian; C. A. Libby, Grand Herald.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District, No. 1, William H. Hanson, Jr.; No. 2, Frank L. Berry; No. 3, Ivory Brooks; No. 4, Stephen K. Dyer, (*ex-off.*); No. 5, J. N. Smith; No. 6, George A. Wilson; No. 7, John Read, (*ex-off.*); No. 8, E. I. Merrill; No. 9, George H. Esty; No. 10, Josiah S. Hobbs; No. 11, W. E. Hogan, (*ex-off.*); No. 12, A. A. Beaton; No. 13, W. W. Castle; No. 14, E. W. Conant; No. 15, G. W. Pratt.

On motion of W. H. Smith, P. G.,

Voted, That B. C. Stone, P. G. M., N. G. Cummings, P. G. M., and Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary, be a committee to prepare a Digest of the laws of this Grand Lodge, to be reported on at the next session, with recommendations as to the best form of publishing the same for the use of the Order.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Total number of initiations for the term ending December 31, 1875, 604 ; admitted by card, 64 ; re-instated, 7 ; withdrawn by card, 54 ; suspended, 70 ; expelled, 6 ; deceased, 23 ; rejected, 124 ; number of Past Grands, 659 ; contributing members, 6,721.

Total number of Lodges for the term ending June 30, 1876, 54 ; initiations, 691 ; admitted by card, 90 ; re-instated, 27 ; withdrawn by card, 49 ; suspended, 89 ; expelled, 6 ; deceased 20 ; rejected, 149 ; number of Past Grands, 712 ; contributing members, 7,365.

Annual report of relief for the year ending December 31, 1875. Number of brothers relieved, 461 ; widowed families relieved, 45 ; brothers buried, 56 ; week's sickness for which benefits were paid, 4,002 ; amount paid for relief of brothers, \$17,253.26 ; amount paid for relief of widowed families, \$1,641.79 ; amount paid for burying the dead, \$2,011.75 ; paid for education of orphans, \$145.40 ; total amount of relief, \$21,249.45 ; current expenses separate from benefits and charities, \$19,857.59 ; annual receipts, \$64,039.51 ; invested funds, \$135,565.80.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

The report sets out by saying that the session was held at Philadelphia, commencing Monday Sept. 18, 1876, and closing on Saturday following. The number of Grand and Past Grand Officers and Representatives in attendance exceeded that of any previous session. Ten Past Grand Sires were present.

The following decisions of the Grand Sire were made during the recess :

First, It is improper for a Lodge to donate to an initiate a part of his initiation fee, upon the ground that he had made a bargain with certain members of the Lodge before sending in his petition, that he should have a part of initiation fee back.

This decision was modified so as to set forth that the question as to the right of Subordinates to remit initiation fees belongs to State Grand Bodies ; and as modified, it was approved.

Second, That the law of 1870, in regard to suspension of members for non-payment of dues and also for re-instatement, repeals all former laws on that subject, which decision was approved by the Grand Lodge.

Third, That an Indian presenting a regular card, having the pass-word, pass-

ing an examination, should be permitted to visit a Lodge; the fault is in the Lodge which initiated him.

The decision was not sustained, the Grand Lodge deciding that no Lodge can lawfully permit an Indian to visit it under any circumstances.

Fourth, That the several jurisdictions of the several States have the right to determine whether the dead can be buried by a committee of the Lodge or by the whole Lodge. This decision was sustained.

Fifth, That a Lodge cannot in a body as a Lodge, attend the funeral of a deceased "Ancient Odd Fellow," and conduct the services according to the ritual of the Order, which was also approved.

Sixth, It is not illegal that members of a Lodge, by appointment of the N. G., shall, when the Lodge is opened under the head of "the good of the Order," deliver addresses or read essays on Odd Fellowship. The Grand Lodge approved this ruling.

Seventh, That the seal of a Lodge should only be used in transacting the legitimate business of the Lodge. And this was also sustained by the Grand Lodge.

FURTHER LEGISLATION, &C.

Rebekah Degree Lodges which shall neglect to make annual reports within a proper time shall forfeit their charters.

A proposition to make all members of Rebekah Degree Lodges eligible for all offices, was indefinitely postponed.

It was again reiterated that but one ballot can be had on a candidate except by re-consideration, as provided by law.

It was decided that, on the evenings of public installations, it is proper and allowable for Lodge business to be suspended, the doors opened, the public admitted, and the ceremonies proceed; then all but members excluded, the Lodge is closed in due form. Should, however, a Lodge close before installation, and install their officers, although it would be irregular, the installation would be legal.

A proposition to recognize the right of Subordinate Lodges to appropriate their fund for the purpose of establishing Lodge libraries was approved.

It was ordered that hereafter five years previous membership shall be required of non-affiliated Odd Fellows, who seek to become non-beneficial members. The rule heretofore has been ten years.

GENERAL RETURNS.

	1874.	1875.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges,	46	48	2	
Subordinate Lodges,	5,987	6,395	408	
Rebekah Degree Lodges,	632	879	247	
Grand Encampments,	38	39	1	
Subordinate Encampments,	1,634	1,750	116	
Lodge Initiations,	55,005	50,043		4,962

	1874.	1875.	Increase.	Decrease.
Lodge Members,	438,701	454,689	15,988	
Encampment Members,	83,692	87,450	3,758	
Relief by Lodges,	\$1,374,742.54	\$1,510,854.21	\$136,111.67	
“ “ Encampments,	159,350.36	180,969.43	21,619.07	
“ “ Rebekah Lodges,	4,542.51	7,045.28	2,502.77	
Total Relief,	1,538,635.41	1,698,868.92	190,233.51	
Revenue of Lodges,	4,006,331.26	4,193,665.45	187,334.19	
“ “ Encampments,	466,670.01	488,421.55	21,751.54	
“ “ Rebekah Lodges,	38,664.22	32,154.70		\$6,509.52
Total Revenue,	4,511,665.49	4,714,241.70	202,576.21	

WORK OF THE ORDER.

The following table will show, very nearly, the aggregate work of the Lodges from the date of the organization of the Order in this State, August 25, 1843, to December 31, 1876 :

Initiations,	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,980
Members relieved,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,106
Widowed families relieved,	-	-	-	-	-	-	531
Members deceased,	-	-	-	-	-	-	726
Total relief,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$207,805.20
“ receipts,	-	-	-	-	-	-	541,163.26
Present membership,	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,606

LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE SINCE ITS INSTITUTION IN 1844.

1844.

George W. Churchill, Grand Master ; Lucius H. Chandler, Deputy Grand Master ; David W. Robinson, Grand Secretary ; James N. Winslow, Grand Treasurer ; William R. Smith, and George W. Churchill, Grand Representatives.

1844-5.

James Pratt, Grand Master ; E. S. J. Nealley, Deputy Grand Master ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; James N. Winslow, Grand Treasurer ; William R. Smith, and George W. Churchill, Grand Representatives.

1845-6.

James Pratt, Grand Master ; William B. Hartwell, Deputy Grand Master ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer ; William R. Smith, and Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Representatives.

1846-7.

Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Master ; George H. Gardiner, Deputy Grand Master ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer ; E. S. J. Nealley, and Ezra B. French, Grand Representatives.

1847-8.

William R. Smith, Grand Master ; E. P. Butler, Deputy Grand Master ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer ; E. S. J. Nealley, and Allen Haines, Grand Representatives.

1848-9.

Allen Haines, Grand Master ; S. B. Straw, Deputy Grand Master ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Rufus Read, Grand Treasurer ; William R. Smith, and Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Representatives.

1849-50.

Elisha Clark, Grand Master ; John Trask, Jr., Deputy Grand Master ; Benj.

Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Harris C. Barnes, Grand Treasurer; Nath'l F. Deering, and Allen Haines, Grand Representatives.

1850-51.

S. B. Straw, Grand Master; Ezra B. French, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Samuel R. Leavitt, Grand Treasurer; Allen Haines, and Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representatives.

1851-2.

Ezra B. French, Grand Master; Newell Blake, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., and Nathan Emerson, Grand Representatives.

1852-3.

William Tripp, Grand Master; John H. Williams, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer; Wm. R. Smith, and Charles C. Harmon, Grand Representatives.

1853-4.

Edward P. Banks, Grand Master; Seth E. Benson, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer; Charles C. Harmon, and Wm. R. Smith, Grand Representatives.

1854-5.

Joseph Burton, Grand Master; John Cobby, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer; Wm. R. Smith, and Edward P. Banks, Grand Representatives.

1855-6.

Nathan Emerson, Grand Master; A. T. C. Dodge, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer; Edward P. Banks, and S. B. Straw, Grand Representatives.

1856-7.

A. T. C. Dodge, Grand Master; George W. Nichols, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer; S. B. Straw, and Mark Prime, Grand Representatives.

1857-8.

George W. Nichols, Grand Master; Otis Kaler, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer; Mark Prime, and Edward P. Gerrish, Grand Representatives.

1858-9.

Otis Kaler, Grand Master; Edward P. Burnham, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer; S. B. Straw, and Otis Kaler, Grand Representatives.

1859-60.

Edward P. Burnham, Grand Master; Cyrus K. Ladd, Deputy Grand Master;

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Secretary ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, and Daniel L. Choate, Grand Representatives.

1860-1.

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master ; Andrew J. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, and Newell Blake, Grand Representatives.

1861-2.

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master ; Andrew J. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, and Newell Blake, Grand Representatives.

1862-3.

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Master ; Andrew J. Fuller, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, and Elisha Clarke, Grand Representatives.

1863-4.

Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Master ; John B. Nealley, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, and Elisha Clarke, Grand Representatives.

1864-5.

John B. Nealley, Grand Master ; David Norton, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, and Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representatives.

1865-6.

John B. Nealley, Grand Master , Nath'l G. Cummings, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, and Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representatives.

1866-7.

Nath'l G. Cummings, Grand Master ; J. W. Sargent, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Burnham, and Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representatives.

1867-8.

J. W. Sargent, Grand Master ; N. H. Colton, Deputy Grand Master ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Secretary ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., and Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Representatives.

1868-9.

N. H. Colton, Grand Master ; James E. Haseltine, Deputy Grand Master ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; Cyrus K. Ladd, and Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Representatives.

1869-70.

James E. Haseltine, Grand Master ; John W. Adams, Deputy Grand Master ;

Orin B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., and Joseph K. Merrill, Grand Representatives.

1870-1.

John W. Adams, Grand Master ; David W. Babb, Deputy Grand Master ; Orin B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; Joseph K. Merrill, and N. H. Colton, Grand Representatives.

1871-2.

David W. Babb, Grand Master ; Geo. A. Callahan, Deputy Grand Master ; Orin B. Whitten, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; N. H. Colton, and James E. Haseltine, Grand Representatives.

1872-3.

Geo. A. Callahan, Grand Master ; Orin B. Whitten, Deputy Grand Master ; Nath'l G. Cummings, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; James E. Haseltine, and J. W. Sargent, Grand Representatives.

1873-4.

Orin B. Whitten, Grand Master ; F. M. Laughton, Deputy Grand Master ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; J. W. Sargent, and John B. Nealley, Grand Representatives.

1874-5.

F. M. Laughton, Grand Master ; E. P. Parcher, Deputy Grand Master ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Treasurer ; John B. Nealley, and Geo. A. Callahan, Grand Representatives.

1875-6.

Benj. C. Stone, Grand Master ; Stephen K. Dyer, Deputy Grand Master ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; Daniel W. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Geo. A. Callahan, and F. M. Laughton, Grand Representatives.

1876-7.

Stephen K. Dyer, Grand Master ; Wm. E. Hogan, Deputy Grand Master ; Joshua Davis, Grand Secretary ; Daniel W. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; F. M. Laughton, and Benj. C. Stone, Grand Representatives.

HISTORY

OF

ODD FELLOWSHIP IN MAINE.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Machigonne Encampment, No. 1.

Machigonne Encampment, No. 1, was instituted at Portland, by George W. Churchill, D. D. Grand Sire, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States. No record of the institution of the Encampment appears to have been preserved.

The record book opens as follows :

PORTLAND, NOVEMBER 7, 1843.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Patriarchs all present, viz: J. N. Winslow, D. Robinson, Jr., A. P. Cleverly, W. D. Ames, C. Cummings, J. Newmarch, and A. W. Pollard." These Patriarchs were, without doubt, the charter members. Patriarchs Winslow and Robinson, were members of Maine Lodge, No. 1, at Portland, the others probably lived in Boston and went to Portland for the purpose of assisting at the institution of the Encampment. At this meeting, twenty-one brothers were elected to receive the degrees, and the Initiatory, Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple Degrees were conferred upon nineteen of them.

Officers were elected and installed as follows:

J. N. Winslow, C. P.; D. Robinson, Jr., H. P.; E. Wheeler, Jr., S. W.; J. D. Kinsman, Scribe; T. C. Hersey, Treasurer; J. T. Mitchell, J. W.; H. C. Barnes, was appointed I. S.

Cards of clearance were asked for and voted to Patriarchs Newmarch, Pollard, Cleverly, Ames and Cummings.

Jan. 10, 1849. It was voted that this Encampment discontinue the payment of all benefits from the 1st day of January, 1849, until such time as our stock in the A. & St. L. Railroad is paid for, or until the Encampment resume the payment of the same. The amount of this stock was ten shares, par value \$1,000. Afterwards increased to 11 shares, \$1,100.

Sept. 7, 1851. No quorum present, for the first time since the organization of the Encampment.

From July 16, 1856, to Feb. 6, 1861, but 42 sessions were held. The record says of the other times of meeting: "Not a quorum present;" since that time the Encampment has held regular sessions.

In 1858, the membership had become reduced to 53.

Feb. 6, 1858. A committee was appointed to confer with a committee of Eastern Star, No. 2, in regard to the expediency of uniting the two Encampments. Similar committees of conference had been appointed some years previous, but all efforts in that direction failed.

At the time of the organization of the Encampment, the fee for brothers under 45 years of age, for initiation and degrees was \$12.00, which was to be paid previous to initiation. Brothers over 45 to pay one dollar extra for each year until the age of fifty, and over fifty, two dollars a year. The assessments were fifty cents a term; three dollars per week benefits on account of sickness were paid.

The extra amount to be paid on account of age was soon after stricken out.

In 1872, the semi-annual assessments were \$1.50. Benefits \$3.00 per week.

In 1874, the fee for admission to the Royal Purple Degree was

placed at twenty-five dollars for all between the ages of twenty-one and thirty ; thirty dollars for all over thirty years and under forty ; and forty dollars for all whose age exceeds forty years.

Benefits for members of the Royal Purple Degree, five dollars per week, commencing with the second week of disability.

Funeral benefits, twenty-five dollars.

Number of members Dec. 31, 1876, 517.

Invested fund, \$9944,11.

Eastern Star Encampment, No. 2.

Eastern Star Encampment, No. 2, was instituted at Portland, April 10, 1844, by George W. Churchill, D. D. Grand Sire, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The charter members were T. C. Hersey, Charles F. Safford, John D. Kinsman, James L. Merrill, H. W. Hersey, S. H. Sanborn, and Rufus Read.

Officers were installed as follows :

T. C. Hersey, C. P. ; Charles F. Safford, H. P. ; John D. Kinsman, S. W. ; H. W. Hersey, Scribe ; James L. Merrill, Treasurer ; S. H. Sanborn, J. W. Rufus Read, I. S. ; George Sawyer and George W. Wildrage, G. of T. ; Bradbury Dearborn and Winslow H. Purington, S. of N. ; S. T. Corser, 1st W. ; E. P. Burbank, 2d W. ; Abner Shaw, 3d W. ; Samuel Rolfe, 4th W. ; Charles W. Thomas, G.

In 1847, the Encampment numbered 133 members. From that time there was a gradual falling off, till in 1866 there was but 51 members which was the lowest point reached.

In 1851, an effort was made to unite with Machigonne, which failed. Similar efforts were made in 1857, and 1860, and again in 1865, at which time the Encampment voted "that it was inexpedient to unite with Machigonne Encampment." This ended the matter of mergement.

May 8, 1846, a funeral benefit was voted to the family of Pa-

triarch Samuel Staples, deceased, the first death in the Encampment. Patriarch Staples was an active member, and deeply attached to the Encampment. The records show that January 1, 1846, he donated the sum of fifty dollars to the funds of the Encampment, which was accepted, and resolutions of thanks for the same adopted.

From March, 1850, to March 1860, not a candidate was admitted—not a degree conferred in the Encampment. From 1860 to 1867, seven were admitted. “During this long period of inactivity the Encampment elected and installed its officers, made its returns to the Grand Encampment, paid benefits to its sick members, and all other expenses that it was called upon to meet and steadily increased its funds.”

Number of members Dec. 31, 1876, 515.

Invested fund, \$11,661.62.

Sagamore Encampment, No. 3.

Sagamore Encampment No. 3, was instituted at Augusta, July 19, 1844, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The charter members were Wm. R. Smith, Edward Fenno, Frederick P. Theobald, Wm. B. Hartwell, John C. Pickard, Hiram Stevens, and Thomas G. Jewett.

The records and almost everything relating to the Order at Augusta, were destroyed by fire in 1865. The Grand Patriarch in his annual communication to the Grand Encampment August, 1859, reported Sagamore Encampment as “doing nothing more than to keep up the semblance of an organization.”

The charter was soon after surrendered.

Katahdin Encampment, No. 4.

Katahdin Encampment, No. 4, was instituted at Bangor under

a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States in the summer or fall of 1844. We are unable to fix the date exactly, or by whom instituted.

The Encampment made regular reports till July, 1856, after that time the reports ceased. The Grand Patriarch in his report August, 1860, stated that the Encampment was doubtless dead. The charter never was reclaimed or surrendered. The Encampment resumed work in 1862. It is now in a prosperous condition.

Number of members Dec. 31, 1876, 157.

Invested Funds, \$1,105.45.

Hobah Encampment, No. 5.

Hobah Encampment, No. 5, was instituted at Saco, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States, October 23, 1844. The first Officers were, David B. Cleaves, C. P., D. W. Butler, H. P., Joseph Hardy, S. W., G. F. H. Silsby, Scribe, S. H. Barrett, Treasurer, Seth Gurney, J. W., L. L. Goodwin, G., George N. Jordan, 1st W., George W. Churchill, 2d W., Benjamin Hill, 3d W., G. W. Quinby, J. J. Wiggin, G. of T., R. E. Taylor, S. of N., and were probably the charter members.

This Encampment is one of the four, that during the dark days of the Order, promptly made reports and paid their dues to the Grand Encampment. In 1863, the membership became reduced to 26.

Number of members December 31, 1876, 92.

Invested Funds \$607.25.

Sagadahoc Encampment, No. 6.

Sagadahoc Encampment, No. 6, was instituted at Bath, December, 1844, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States. The following were the charter members: George H. Gardner, Peleg Rush, E. S. J. Nealley, Wm. Clifford, Elisha Clarke, Nath'l S. Morse.

Officers were elected and installed as follows:

George H. Gardner, C. P., E. S. J. Nealley, H. P., John Elliot, S. W., Elisha Clarke, Scribe, Peleg Rush, J. W.

In 1853, the Encampment having for some time previous, failed to make returns to the Grand Encampment, and having ceased work, the charter was reclaimed.

The Encampment resumed work in 1867. A duplicate was issued in 1868, in place of their charter which had been lost.

Number of members December 31, 1876, 36.

Invested Funds, \$75.00

Churchill Encampment, No. 7.

This Encampment was instituted at Thomaston, December, 1844. We have been unable to obtain the names of but three of the charter members, viz: George Prince, Edwin Rose, and Thomas Oliver.

This Encampment appears to have been a failure. The Grand Patriarch in May, 1846, reported that the Encampment had held no meetings since the installation of officers, the previous July, and no report had been made to the office of the Grand Scribe; also that "when the Encampment was organized, they had ten members only, and there has been no increase since." At this session a commission was authorized to proceed to Thomaston, examine into its actual condition, and report the facts to the Grand Patriarch. This was accordingly done, and the committee unanimously recommended, as the result of their examination, the removal of the Encampment to East Thomaston. Against such removal the Encampment remonstrated, and petitioned for leave to work in its original location.

The Grand Encampment at the annual session, May, 1848, granted the petition, provided that the Encampment "by the first of the next July should pay all dues and charges standing against it on the Grand Scribe's Books, including the expense incurred on account of the commissioner's visit of examination, and make the

semi-annual returns required by the constitution of this Grand Encampment."

This the Encampment declined to do, and soon after, surrendered its charter.

Thus the first link in the Encampment branch of the Order, in this State became broken.

Border Encampment, No. 8.

We can gather but very little information in regard to the early history of this Encampment. It was instituted at Eastport under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the United States, early in the year 1845.

The report for the year 1849, shows a membership of 53. The charter was reclaimed in 1853.

Cobbosseecontee Encampment, No. 9.

This was the first Encampment instituted under authority of the Grand Encampment of Maine.

In consequence of lack of detail in the records of proceedings of the Grand Encampment which have been preserved, we are able to give but very little information in regard to the early history of this, the first Encampment, instituted under its authority.

At the semi-annual session held November 4th, 1846, the Grand Patriarch reported as follows:

"Since our annual session, a dispensation has been issued to seven qualified Patriarchs for an Encampment at Gardiner, to be called Cobbosseecontee Encampment, No. 9. This Encampment has been opened under favorable auspices by the W. D. D. Grand Patriarch of the 2d District." A charter was granted to the Encampment at the same session.

The charter was surrendered in 1853.

Excelsior Encampment, No. 10.

This Encampment was instituted at Belfast, in 1847. A charter was granted May 5th of the same year. The Encampment reported a membership of 25 in 1849. The last report made was for the year ending June 30th 1855, which showed a membership of 12. Shortly after this, the Encampment ceased work, and in 1857 the charter was reclaimed.

Alamoosic Encampment, No. 11.

Alamoosic Encampment, No. 11, was instituted at Orland, in 1847, by O. S. Beale, D. D. Grand Patriarch. A charter was granted May 3, 1848. The report for the year 1849, show a membership of 25. The last report made was in July, 1856.

The charter was surrendered in 1859.

Oldtown Encampment, No. 12.

Oldtown Encampment, No. 12, was instituted at Oldtown, January 3, 1848, by Oliver S. Beale, D. D. Grand Patriarch, assisted by M. Gilligan, as G. H. P., W. S. Warren, as G. S. W., E. P. Butler, as Grand Scribe, Wm. Smith, as Grand Treasurer, and L. S. McKenney, as Grand Junior Warden.

The charter members were R. D. Folsom, C. H. DeWolf, E. P. Chapman, Alvin Rideout, E. W. Johnson, E. R. Rich, and E. Leighton.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

R. D. Folsom, C. P., C. H. DeWolf, H. P., E. P. Chapman, S. W., David Norton, Scribe, W. R. Young, Treasurer, Alvin Rideout, J. W.

This Encampment has always maintained its organization and promptly paid its dues to the Grand Encampment.

In 1868, the membership became reduced to 7, but still they held on, and have now a flourishing Encampment.

Number of members December 31, 1876, 24.

Invested funds, \$10.00.

Worombus Encampment, No. 13.

Worombus Encampment, No. 13, was instituted at Lewiston, April 27, 1848. The Grand Officers officiating as follows: N. F. Deering, acting G. P., E. P. Banks, acting G. H. P., Wm. E. Kimball acting G. S. W., Fred W. Nichols, acting G. Scribe, Nath'l Walker, acting G. Treas., S. R. Leavitt, acting G. J. W.

The following were the charter members: Joel C. Lane, S. P. Gorham, Elisha Turner, Benj. Dunn, Temple Tibbitts, Nelson B. Reynolds, Uriah Reed, L. A. Gould, W. T. Plaisted.

Officers were elected and installed as follows:

Joel C. Lane, C. P., N. B. Reynolds, H. P., Levi A. Gould, S. W., Benj. Dunn, Scribe, Elisha Turner, Treasurer, S. P. Gorham, J. W.

Regular meetings were held and officers elected until January, 1852, when the interest seems to have abated. From that time the meetings were not regularly held. No meetings were held from January 1855, to August 10, 1857, at which time an attempt was made to revive the interest in the Encampment. The attempt proved a failure, and the Encampment from that time appears to have dropped out.

The charter was not surrendered nor does it appear that it was ever reclaimed, although the Encampment was considered defunct.

This state of things continued till January 26, 1869, at which time the Encampment was resuscitated, and officers were elected and installed. From that time the Encampment has prospered and shows no signs of abatement of interest or zeal in Odd Fellowship.

Number of members December 31, 1876, 157.

Invested funds, \$602.77.

Mt. Pleasant Encampment, No. 14.

Mt. Pleasant Encampment, No. 14, was instituted at Bridgton, September, 1850, by J. H. Williams, Grand Patriarch. The charter members were R. Lamson, Samuel Andrews, 2d, W. T. Kil-

born, S. C. Strout, R. K. Hunt, R. B. Ball, and B. Dodge. The Encampment held regular meetings for a few years and then suspended operations. While it was regarded as practically dead, yet the charter was never formally reclaimed, or surrendered. The last regular report to the Grand Encampment was made July, 1855.

Several attempts were made to revive the Encampment, but without success, till January 10, 1873, at which time it was resuscitated, and officers installed. Since that time it has continued in a prosperous condition.

Number of members December 31, 1876, 96.

Invested funds, \$577.02.

Agamenticus Encampment, No. 15.

Agamenticus Encampment, No. 15, was instituted at Kennebunk, November, 1854, by E. P. Banks, P. G. P., assisted by a delegation from Hobah, No. 5, and others. The charter members were J. W. Sargent, John Cobby, Simeon L. Whitten, Franklin N. Thompson, L. K. Dorrance, and two others whose names cannot be ascertained. The Encampment was moved to Kennebunkport.

In 1856, the Encampment petitioned for leave to change its location to Kennebunk. Permission was granted.

The removal does not appear to have revived the drooping spirit of its members, for no report was received after this time. The charter was surrendered August 9, 1859.

In answer to a petition signed by the requisite number of the former members, the Encampment was re-instated at South Berwick March 19, 1872.

The charter having been destroyed by the great fire in Portland, July 4, 1866, a duplicate charter was furnished.

Number of members December 31, 1876, 37.

Invested funds, \$346.11.

Cummings Encampment, No. 16.

Cummings Encampment, No. 16, was instituted at Saccarappa,

January 4, 1868, by the following Grand Officers: J. N. Read, G. P., N. G. Cummings, acting G. H. P., C. H. Blake, acting G. S. W., E. P. Banks, G. Scribe, J. E. Haseltine, G. J. W.

The charter members were S. L. Libby, D. W. Babb, George F. Mariner, J. P. Libby, A. W. Riggs, H. B. Sproul, and F. A. Bet-tis.

Officers were installed as follows:

D. W. Babb, C. P., George F. Mariner, H. P., J. P. Libby, S. W., A. W. Riggs, Scribe, S. L. Libby, Treasurer, H. B. Sproul, J. W.

Number of members December 31, 1876, 86.

Invested funds, \$325.37.

York Encampment, No. 17.

York Encampment, No. 17, was instituted at Biddeford, Jan. 1, 1869, by James E. Haseltine, Grand Patriarch, assisted by other Grand Officers. The following charter members were installed into office: Charles H. Brackett, C. P., Abel A. Jellison, H. P., Wm. B. Fenderson, S. W., S. H. Pillsbury, Scribe, Moses P. Church, Treasurer, James Buck, J. W.

Number of members Dec. 31, 1876, 116.

Invested funds, \$296.03.

Colby Encampment, No. 18.

Colby Encampment, No. 18, was instituted at Skowhegan, Sept. 13, 1870, by Wm. H. Smith, Grand Patriarch, assisted by other Grand Officers. The charter members were James Colby, C. C. Mason, S. W. Steward, T. L. Bradford, Marion Mills, Geo. A. Downing, O. A. Priest, J. H. Knox, Lyman Reed, James W. Sherrin, and A. M. Ward.

At the annual session of the Grand Encampment, Aug. 9, 1876, a petition was received, asking for change of name to Parmenas Encampment, No. 18, signed by officers and members of the En-

campment ; in accordance with the request, the change was made.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 43.

Invested funds, \$195.86.

Portland Encampment, No. 19.

Portland Encampment, No. 19, was instituted at Portland, January 4, 1873, by Charles H. Rich, Grand Patriarch, assisted by N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe, Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer, F. T. Littlefield, Grand Sentinel, and others. The charter members were Albro E. Chase, Frederick A. Gage, Samuel H. Doten, John H. Russell, Israel Hicks, Augustus H. Prince, William Hennessy, Albert S. Quincy, Frank H. Cushing, Joseph H. Wentworth, George H. Walden, Joseph K. Merrill, Augustine D. Smith, Orin B. Whitten, Franklin H. Morse, Ansel R. Doten, George R. Shaw, Charles C. Bedlow, James E. Haseltine, Francis A. Smith, and Robinson Williams.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 145.

Invested funds, \$1,873.47.

Dirigo Encampment, No. 7.

Dirigo Encampment, No. 7, was instituted at Kittery, March 17, 1874, by W. E. Pressey, G. P., assisted by A. D. Smith, G. S. W., N. G. Cummings, G. Scribe, J. N. Read, G. Rep. J. W. Sargent, G. Rep. and others.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

Geo. Manent, C. P., A. H. Purinton, H. P., Geo. O. Wilson, S. W., Aug. Stevens, Scribe, Wm. H. Locke, Treasurer, Daniel P. Riley, J. W.

This was the first Encampment to which the number of a defunct Encampment was assigned.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 47.

Invested funds, \$100.80.

Sandy River Encampment, No. 9.

Sandy River Encampment, No. 9, was instituted at Farmington,

April 3, 1874, by W. E. Pressey, G. P., assisted by A. D. Smith, G. S. W., N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe, O. G. Douglass, G. J. W., J. N. Read, G. Rep. and others.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

E. I. Merrill, C. P., A. H. S. Davis, H. P., J. A. Richards, S. W., H. H. Richards, Scribe, J. J. Linscott, Treasurer, J. W. Averill, J. W.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 23.

Invested funds, \$24.51.

Pejepscot Encampment, No. 8.

Pejepscot Encampment, No. 8. was instituted at Auburn, April 10, 1874, by W. E. Pressey, G. P., assisted by the Officers of the Grand Encampment, and others.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

John Read, C. P., C. C. Frost, H. P., Seth P. Miller, S. W., Fred Kelley, Scribe, I. A. Johnson, Treasurer, J. S. Parker, J. W.

This Encampment started with twenty-five charter members. Twenty-four applications for membership were received on the evening of institution.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 141.

El Dorado Encampment, No. 20.

El Dorado Encampment, No. 20, was instituted at Dover, April 14, 1874, by W. E. Pressey, G. P., assisted by A. D. Smith, G. S. W., N. G. Cummings, G. Scribe, O. G. Douglass, G. J. W., J. N. Read, G. Rep., and others. The charter members were B. C. Lowell, W. D. Blethen, J. N. Robinson, R. D. Gilman, E. G. Thompson, C. S. Ham, D. F. Ayer, N. F. Batchelder, G. G. Downing, Thomas P. Elliott, and Hiram Davis.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 42.

Invested funds, \$418.06.

Wildey Encampment, No. 21.

Wildey Encampment, No. 21, was instituted at Norway, November 19, 1874, by A. D. Smith, G. P., assisted by N. S. Morse, G. H. P., N. G. Cummings, G. Scribe, C. B. Nash, G. Treasurer, and Joshua Davis, G. J. W. The charter members were W. H. Whitcomb, G. P. Young, F. H. Sargent, O. N. Bradbury, Horace Cole, E. E. Denison, and John L. Horne.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

Osgood N. Bradbury, C. P., George P. Young, H. P., A. C. Denison, S. W., W. H. Whitcomb, Scribe, J. L. Horne, Treasurer, S. W. Sargent, J. W.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 53.

Invested funds, \$363.68.

Jephthah Encampment, No. 3.

Jephthah Encampment, No. 3, was instituted at Augusta, Sept. 30, 1875, by O. G. Douglass, G. P., assisted by Joshua Davis, G. S. W., N. G. Cummings, G. Scribe, Geo. A. Drew, G. Marshal, and others. The charter members were P. P. Getchell, M. Harden, R. B. Capen, A. L. Brown, J. S. Hobbs, J. A. Fairbanks, C. R. Hall, and W. B. Leighton.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

A. L. Brown, C. P., J. W. Toward, H. P., R. B. Capen, S. W., M. Harden, Scribe, J. S. Hobbs, Treasurer, W. B. Leighton, J. W.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 33.

Invested funds, \$58.09.

Somerset Encampment, No. 22.

Somerset Encampment, No. 22, was instituted at Fairfield, Nov. 19, 1875. The following Grand Officers were present : O. G. Douglass, G. P., Joshua Davis, G. H. P., N. G. Cummings, G. Scribe, C. B. Nash, G. Treasurer, Geo. A. Drew, Grand Marshal. The charter members were H. C. Wyman, B. R. Butterfield, John

R. Foss, B. R. Rackliff, W. H. Emery, Benjamin Bunker, Simeon Merrill.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

Simeon Merrill, C. P., B. R. Rackliff, H. P., John R. Foss, S. W., W. P. Farnsworth, Scribe, Benjamin Bunker, Treasurer, George H. Esty, J. W.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 25.

Aurora Encampment, No. 23.

Aurora Encampment, No. 23, was instituted at South Paris, March 22, 1876, by O. G. Douglass, Grand Patriarch, assisted by the Grand Officers, and others.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

W. J. Wheeler, C. P., G. A. Wilson, H. P., Isaac Rounds, S. W., D. S. Knapp, Scribe, T. A. Briggs, Treasurer, A. M. Gerry, J. W.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 45.

Invested funds, \$98.01.

Golden Gate Encampment, No. 24.

Golden Gate Encampment, No. 24, was instituted at Berwick, May 29, 1876, by O. G. Douglass, Grand Patriarch, assisted by the Grand Officers, and others. The charter members were A. B. Spencer, Geo. W. McCrillis, Charles C. Wentworth, Leander Babb, Wm. F. Libby, Charles H. Horne, Charles R. Bragdon, Wm. H. Rich, Joseph E. Lord, John C. Hurd, Benj. L. Clark, Frank P. Goodrich, Thos. A. Chadwick, Frank Wallingford, and John E. Frost.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

Joseph E. Lord, C. P., W. H. Rich, H. P., F. P. Goodrich, S. W., Alvin B. Spencer, Scribe, Charles C. Wentworth, Treasurer, Benj. L. Clark, J. W.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1876, 34.

Invested funds, \$53.50.

HISTORY

OF

ODD FELLOWSHIP IN MAINE.

ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The first organization of a Grand Encampment in Maine took place on the 23d of October, 1845, in Portland.

The minutes read as follows :

" Agreeably to a notice, issued by the Scribe of a convention of Past Officers of the several Encampments in the State, which was held in Portland on the 19th of February last, for the purpose of making the necessary arrangements, to petition the Grand Lodge of the United States for a charter for a Grand Encampment for the State of Maine. The following Past Officers appeared, representing the following Encampments, viz :

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., P. C. P. ; Eliphalet Clarke, P. C. P. ; James Pratt, P. H. P. ; Joseph T. Mitchell, P. H. P. ; Edward P. Banks, P. H. P., of *Machigonne*, No. 1.

Theophilus C. Hersey, P. C. P. ; Edward Wheeler, Jr., P. C. P. ; James N. Winslow, P. C. P. ; Nath'l F. Deering, P. C. P. ; Solomon T. Corser, P. C. P. ; David Robinson, Jr., P. H. P. ; Charles F. Safford, P. H. P. ; George Sawyer, P. H. P. ; George W. Wildrage, P. H. P., of *Eastern Star*, No. 2.

Allen Haines, P. C. P. ; Benj. Plummer, Jr., P. H. P., of *Katahdin*, No. 4.

David B. Cleaves, P. C. P. ; Joseph Hardy, P. C. P. ; David H. Butler, P. H. P., of *Hobah*, No. 5. George H. Gardner, P. C. P., of *Sagadahock*, No. 6.

Patriarch Albert Case, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presided.

The credentials of William R. Smith, P. C. P., and Edward Fenno, P. H. P., of *Sagamore*, No. 3, were presented and ordered to be placed on file.

The Deputy Grand Sire then presented the charter, granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the petition of Encampments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, which was accepted. The Grand Encampment Degree was then conferred upon the following Past Chief Patriarchs.—Edward Wheeler, Jr., James N. Winslow, Theophilus C. Hersey, Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., Nath'l F. Deering, Eliphalet Clarke, David B. Cleaves, Solomon T. Corser, Allen Haines, Joseph Hardy, George H. Gardiner, also upon the following Past High Priests.—David Robinson, Jr., Charles F. Safford, David H. Butler, James Pratt, Joseph T. Mitchell, George Sawyer, Benjamin Plummer, Jr., George W. Wildrage, Edward P. Banks.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to election of officers with the following result :

Theophilus C. Hersey, Grand Patriarch ; James Pratt, Grand High Priest ; Allen Haines, Grand Senior Warden ; David B. Cleaves, Grand Junior Warden ; Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward Wheeler, Jr., Grand Treasurer. The Grand Officers elect were then installed into their respective chairs. George H. Gardiner was appointed Grand Sentinel.

A committee was appointed to report a constitution and a code of by-laws.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment. Grand Officers and a quorum present.

P. C. P. Deering, from the committee on that subject reported a constitution, by-laws, and rules of order for the government of the Grand Encampment, which having been read and acted upon by sections were unanimously adopted.

A committee was appointed to report a constitution for the government of subordinate Encampments.

Official notice was ordered to be sent to all the subordinate Encampments in the State informing them of the organization of this Grand Encampment and they were requested, to make all reports to this body, in future.

A committee was appointed to report on the expediency of fixing upon some uniform Regalia, to be adopted by the members of this Grand Encampment.

A committee was appointed to report a suitable form of charter for subordinate Encampments ; also a suitable seal for the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Patriarch, Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were appointed a committee to hire, for the use of the Grand Encampment, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum.

The Grand Scribe was directed to pay Deputy Grand Sire Case, the expenses, &c., incurred by him in his visit for the purpose of organizing the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, Nov. 5, 1845.

A quorum of members not being present, the Grand Encampment adjourned to meet at the same place, on Thursday, November 27th at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

PORTLAND, November 27, 1845.

Officers present.—Theophilus C. Hersey, Grand Patriarch ; Na-

thaniel F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward Wheeler, Jr., Grand Treasurer, and a representation from Machigonne, No. 1, and Eastern Star, No. 2. The Grand Encampment Degree was conferred on George F. H. Ilsley, P. H. P., of Hobah Encampment, No. 5.

The committee on that subject reported that they had hired of Eastern Star Encampment, No. 2, the sum of one hundred dollars payable in one year, at six per cent. interest.

Report accepted.

The Finance committee recommended that the compensation to be paid to the Grand Scribe for his services, be fixed at fifty dollars per annum, and in consideration that the duties of the Grand Scribe for the present term will necessarily be very *arduous* ; they recommended that an additional sum of twenty-five dollars be allowed him. Adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the duty of reporting some uniform Regalia to be worn by the members of the Grand Encampment recommended that the following be adopted :

A Royal Purple Sash, trimmed with yellow metal.

A Royal Purple Collar, trimmed with yellow metal.

A Black apron trimmed with yellow metal.

Report and recommendations adopted.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

Present.—Theophilus C. Hersey, Grand Patriarch ; Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward Wheeler, Jr., Grand Treasurer, and a representation from Machigonne, No. 1 ; Eastern Star, No. 2, and Hobah, No. 5.

The constitution for subordinate Encampments, as reported by the committee on that subject, was adopted.

The Grand Scribe was directed to cause to be printed three hundred copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment, since its formation including the constitution of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION.'

PORTLAND, May 10, 1846.

Officers present.—Theophilus C. Hersey, Grand Patriarch; James Pratt, Grand High Priest; Allen Haines, Grand Senior Warden; David B. Cleaves, Grand Junior Warden; Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Scribe; Edward Wheeler, Jr., Grand Treasurer; George H. Gardiner, Grand Guardian, and a quorum of members.

The Grand Encampment Degree was conferred on the following:

Reuben D. Roberts, P. H. P., from Machigonne, No. 1; Rufus Read, P. C. P., and Wm. E. Kimball, P. H. P., from Eastern Star, No. 2; Wm. R. Smith, P. C. P., Frederick P. Theobald, P. C. P., and Edward Fenno, P. H. P., from Sagamore, No. 3; Peleg Rush, P. C. P., E. St. John Nealley, P. H. P., and Elisha Clarke, P. H. P., from Sagadahock, No. 6; George Prince, P. C. P., from Churchill, No. 7; Aaron Hayden, P. C. P., from Border, No. 8.

The Grand Patriarch in his report alluded to the subject of the education of orphan children as now demanding and receiving the attention of the Order throughout this and other States, and commending the matter to the good judgment of the Grand Encampment. He called attention to the necessity of taking some measures to increase the funds of the Grand Encampment to meet current expenses. He recommended that provision be made to have the Encampments visited at least once a year by a competent member of the Grand Encampment, to be by him instructed in the work of conferring Degrees and thus secure greater uniformity in the work.

A petition for a new Encampment at Bath, was presented and referred to a committee.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of members.

The Grand Encampment proceeded to election of Officers with the following result :

Allen Haines, Grand Patriarch ; Edward Fenno, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Senior Warden ; Elisha Clarke, Grand Junior Warden ; Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; William R. Smith, Grand Representative.

The Grand Encampment then closed in the G. E. Degree and opened in the R. P. Degree, and the several officers elect were duly and formally installed into their respective chairs.

The Grand Encampment was then closed in the R. P. Degree and opened in the G. E. Degree.

The Grand Officers were empowered to fill the vacancy, if any should occur, in the office of Grand Representative.

The Grand Encampment Degree was conferred upon Geo. W. Dam, P. C. P., of Machigonne Encampment, No. 1.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a new Encampment at Bath, reported adversely, and recommended that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Adopted.

Churchill Encampment, No. 7, at Thomaston, was authorized to change their present name, substituting one that they may hereafter select, upon their giving notice of said change to the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment, who shall thereupon notify the several Subordinate Encampments in the State of the change, and of the name substituted.

The committee on that subject submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's communication as relates to uniformity in conferring Degrees, beg leave to report : That to them it seems best to divide the State into Districts, as follows :

Saco and Portland,	District, No. 1
Bath and Augusta,	“ “ 2
Bangor and Thomaston,	“ “ 3
Eastport,	“ “ 4

And that Deputy Grand Patriarchs be appointed by the Grand Patriarch, subject

to the approval of the Grand Encampment, for these several Districts, whose duty it shall be to visit the Subordinate Encampments at least once in each term—install their officers, and give such instructions in reference to the conferring of Degrees as shall tend to secure uniformity in this respect.

The committee also recommended that the Subordinates be required to pay all expenses incurred by Deputies in performing this duty. Adopted.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Patriarch made the following appointments of District Deputy Grand Patriarchs :

First District, comprising Saco and Portland, Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., P. C. P. ; second District, comprising Augusta and Bath, F. P. Theobald, P. C. P. ; third District, comprising Bangor and Thomaston, George Prince, P. C. P. ; fourth District, comprising Eastport, Aaron Hayden, P. C. P.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 8 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Scribe was directed to cause three hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment to be printed and distributed. Ten copies to be sent to each Subordinate Encampment, and one copy to each Grand Encampment, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE PATRIARCHAL BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Initiated and exalted, 29 ; total amount of receipts, \$448.37 ; expelled, 1 ; number of Patriarchs, 418 ; number of Patriarchs relieved, 26 ; amount paid for relief, \$187.50 ; Past Chief Patriarchs, 15 ; Past High Priests, 14.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, NOVEMBER 4, 1846.

Officers present — Allen Haines, Grand Patriarch ; Edward Fenno, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Senior Warden ; Elisha Clarke, Grand Junior Warden ; Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Solomon T. Corser, Grand Sentinel.

The G. E. Degree was conferred on the following Past Officers :

John Elliot, P. C. P., Sagadahock, No. 6 ; John C. Tukesbury, P. C. P., and Joseph M. Kellogg, P. H. P., Machigonne, No. 1.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his semi-annual report. He said that all the Encampments in the State had increased their membership, except Churchill, No. 7.

He had issued a dispensation for an Encampment at Gardiner, to be called "Cobboseecontee Encampment, No. 9." He stated that there was a deficiency in the funds, for a part of which, it would be necessary to make provision for at this session.

On recommendation of the Finance committee, the Grand Scribe and Grand Treasurer were authorized to obtain a loan, not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars, and pay the lesser liabilities of the Grand Encampment.

A charter was granted to Cobbosseecontee Encampment, No. 9.

The committee appointed at a former session to procure a form of charter for Subordinates, presented a charter which they had caused to be prepared, the expense of which is sixty-five dollars.

Adopted.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 2½ o'clock, P. M.

2½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon P. H. P., Issacher Snell, Jr., of Sagamore, No. 3.

The Grand Patriarch was directed to appoint a committee of

three members to visit Churchill Encampment, No. 7, and "investigate the nature of its difficulties ; and if in their opinion the Encampment cannot be resuscitated, the Grand Patriarch is authorized, on receiving a report to that effect, to remove the location of said Encampment, or withdraw its charter, as he may deem advisable."

The committee on Pay Roll reported that Sagadahock Encampment, No. 6, was entitled to \$5.00 ; Sagamore Encampment, No. 3, was entitled to \$6.50 ; Katahdin Encampment, No. 4, was entitled to \$6.50. Report accepted.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number initiated and exalted, 57 ; total amount of receipts, \$1,125.17 ; total amount of dues paid Grand Encampment, \$69.70 ; number admitted by card, 2 ; number of deaths, 2 ; whole number of members, 466.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, MAY 5, 1847.

Officers present—Allen Haines, Grand Patriarch ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Senior Warden ; Elisha Clarke, Grand Junior Warden ; Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; William E. Kimball, Grand Sentinel, *pro tem*.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following Past Officers :

Nathan Mayhew, P. H. P., Machigonne, No. 1 ; Luther L. Goodwin, P. C. P., Hobah, No. 5 ; Thomas S. Robinson, P. H. P., Sagamore, No. 3 ; Samuel Rolfe, P. H. P., Eastern Star, No. 2 ; Joseph A. Cooledge, P. C. P., Border, No. 8 ; Thomas S. Bowles, P. H. P., Sagadahock, No. 6 ; George W. Bachelder, P. C. P., Sagamore, No. 3 ; Charles Snell, P. C. P., Katahdin, No. 4.

The Grand Patriarch in his report stated that though the finances had improved, the Grand Encampment was still in debt. He stated that the past had been a year of general prosperity. Two new Encampments had been instituted, Cobbosseecontee, No. 9, at Gardiner, and Excelsior, No. 10, at Belfast. To the first of these a charter has been voted and issued. The second was or-

ganized under a dispensation. He expressed a decided disapprobation of the conduct of Churchill Encampment, No. 7.

A charter was granted to Excelsior Encampment, No. 10.

The Grand Encampment proceeded to election of Officers for the ensuing year with the following result :

Ben. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Patriarch ; Elisha Clarke, Grand High Priest ; Eliphalet Clark, Grand Senior Warden ; Luther L. Goodwin, Grand Junior Warden ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; F. P. Theobold, Grand Representative.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed.

The following amendment to the constitution was adopted by a vote of 12 to 1.

"There shall be one regular session in each year, which shall be held on the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in May."

The committee on Pay Roll reported that there was due to the members, for travel and attendance this session, as follows :

Sagamore, No. 3, \$6.50 ; Katahdin, No. 4, \$6.50 ; Hobah, No. 5, \$2.00 ; Sagadahock, No. 6, \$5.00 ; Border, No. 8, \$3.00 ; Cobbosseecontee, No. 9, \$6.50, Accepted, and ordered to be paid.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number initiated, 38 ; total amount of receipts, \$931.02 ; total amount dues paid Grand Encampment, \$93.80 ; number withdrawn by card, 17 ; number of deaths, 2 ; expelled, 1 ; number of members, 501 ; number of Patriarchs relieved, 45 ; amount paid for relief, \$575.00 ; number of P. C. P.'s, 31 ; number of P. H. P.'s, 31.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, MAY 3, 1848.

Officers present—Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Patriarch ; Elisha Clarke, Grand High Priest ; T. C. Hersey, Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.* ; John Elliot, Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.* ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ;

F. P. Theobold, Grand Representative ; William E. Kimball, Grand Sentinel.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following Past Officers :

Joseph R. Brazier, P. C. P., Samuel R. Leavitt, P. C. P., Henry C. Lovell, P. H. P., Cyrus Cummings, P. H. P., Machigonne, No. 1 ; William C. Beckett, P. C. P., Benj. C. Fernald, P. H. P., Eastern Star, No. 2 ; William T. Johnson, P. H. P. Sagamore, No. 3 ; S. B. Straw, P. C. P., Oliver S. Beale, P. H. P., Katahdin, No. 4 ; George W. Nichols, P. C. P., James M. Deering, P. C. P., Joseph Fountain, P. H. P., Hobah, No. 5 ; A. J. Fuller, P. C. P., Sagadahock, No. 6 ; David W. Lothrop, P. H. P., Excelsior, No. 10 ; Nathan Emerson, P. C. P., Alamoosic, No. 11.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his annual report.

He stated that the following Encampments had been instituted under dispensations :

Alamoosic, No. 11, at Orland ; Oldtown, No. 12, at Oldtown ; Worombus, No. 13, at Lewiston Falls.

He stated that Churchill Encampment, No. 7, had surrendered its charter and books.

Charters were granted to Alamoosic, No. 11, Oldtown, No. 12, and Worombus, No. 13.

The following Officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year :

Edward P. Banks, Grand Patriarch ; Oliver S. Beale, Grand High Priest ; John Elliot, Grand Senior Warden ; D. W. Lothrop, Grand Junior Warden ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Benj. C. Fernald, Grand Treasurer ; F. P. Theobold, was elected Grand

Representative. William E. Kimball, was appointed Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

8 O'CLOCK, A. M., MAY 4.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on the State of the Order reported on an appeal of Patriarch Joseph A. Homan, from the action of Sagamore Encampment, No. 3, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Subordinate Encampment has no authority for rescinding a ballot, whereby a brother is elected a member, unless it be shown that objections exist to the applicant elect, which disqualify him for admission under the Constitution of Subordinates, or the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, regulating admissions to the Order.

Adopted.

The committee on Pay Roll reported that there was due to the several Encampments represented in this Grand Encampment, as follows :

Sagamore, No. 3, \$6.50 ; Katahdin, No. 4, \$6.50 ; Hobah, No. 5, \$2.00 ; Sagadahock, No. 6, \$5.00 ; Cobbosseecontee, No. 9 ; Excelsior, No. 10, \$6.50 ; Alamoosic, No. 11, \$6.50. Adopted, and ordered to be paid.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 7½ o'clock, P. M.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Patriarch appointed the following District Deputy Grand Patriarchs :

District No. 1, Samuel R. Leavitt, P. C. P. ; District No. 2, A. J. Fuller, P. C. P. ; District No. 3, Ansel Lennan, P. C. P. ; District No. 4, Edward Ilsley, P. C. P.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

For the term ending Dec. 31, 1847. Number of Encampments, 12 ; in-

initiated, 115; admitted by card, 19; withdrawn by card, 28; deaths, 3; expelled, 1; suspended, 9; rejected, 1; receipts, \$2,204.16; dues to Grand Encampment, \$240.70.

Abstract from Annual Relief Returns for the year ending Dec. 31, 1847. Number of members, 585; relieved, 42; buried, 3; widowed families relieved, 1; paid for relief of Patriarchs, \$596.00; paid for relief of widowed families, \$42.12; paid for burying the dead, \$50.00; total amount, \$688.12; P. C. P.'s, 45; P. H. P.'s, 47.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, MAY 2, 1849.

Officers present—Edward P. Banks, Grand Patriarch; Oliver S. Beale, Grand High Priest; John Elliot, Grand Senior Warden; G. W. Batchelder, Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Scribe; Benj. C. Fernald, Grand Treasurer; William E. Kimball, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment Degree was conferred upon the following Past Officers:

C. C. Harmon, P. C. P., Z. K. Harmon, P. C. P., R. W. Kenard, P. H. P., Albert Wood, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1; F. C. Moody, P. C. P., J. H. Williams, P. H. P., E. P. Gerrish, P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2; E. P. Butler, P. H. P., of Kattahdin, No. 4; David Owen, Jr., P. C. P., of Sagadahock, No. 6; T. G. Saunders, P. C. P., A. W. Trussell, P. C. P., of Alamoosic, No. 11; Nelson B. Rynolds, P. H. P., of Worombus, No. 13; David Norton, P. C. P., of Oldtown, No. 12.

The Grand Patriarch in his report recommended that the office of Deputy Grand Patriarch be abolished, and that the whole duty devolve, as formerly, on the Grand Patriarch.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to the next day at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

MAY 3, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The following Officers were elected and installed:

Oliver S. Beale, Grand Patriarch; John H. Williams, Grand High Priest; Charles F. Safford, Grand Senior Warden; Samuel R. Leavitt, Grand Junior Warden; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Scribe; Franklin C. Moody, Grand Treasurer.

The constitution of the Grand Encampment was changed, so that the annual meetings should be held on the second Tuesday of July.

The committee on the State of the Order in their report, recommended the passage of the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the office of D. D. Grand Patriarch be abolished.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

[The records of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment for the years 1850, '51, '52, and '53 were destroyed in 1853, by the burning of the Custom House in Portland, where they were deposited by the Grand Scribe, Benj. Kingsbury, Jr.]

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, JULY 11, 1854.

Officers present—Cyrus Cummings, Grand Patriarch; Russell Lampson, Grand High Priest; Andrew S. Sawyer, Grand Senior Warden; Geo. W. Nichols, Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe; Micah Sampson, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Encampment Degree was conferred on the following:

Richard K. Hunt, P. C. P., Ira Stilson, P. C. P., Charles W. Smith, P. C. P., Peter Duran, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1; Wm. Hartshorn, P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2; Benj. A. Keyes, P. C. P., of Alamoosic, No. 11.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his annual report. He stated that in accordance with instructions he had written to the Scribes of Sagadahock, No. 6, Border, No. 8, and Cobbosseecontee, No. 9, requiring them to surrender their charters, books, papers, &c., they having been declared forfeited by this Grand Encampment.

He stated that in answer to an inquiry of Katahdin Encampment, No. 4, whether they had the right to abolish all weekly ben-

efits, and only pay in cases of actual destitution, he had replied that the Subordinates had full control of the subject.

The following Officers were elected and installed :

Seth B. Benson, Grand Patriarch ; Geo. W. Nichols, Grand High Priest ; Sewell C. Strout, Grand Senior Warden ; Wm. Hartshorn, Grand Junior Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Micah Sampson, Grand Treasurer ; Nath'l F. Deering, was elected Grand Representative.

The following amendment to the constitution, laid on the table at the last session, was called up and adopted :

Resolved, That the constitution be so amended as to provide that the Grand Encampment may determine by vote, at each Annual Session, where the next session shall be held.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the next session of this Grand Encampment be held at such place as the Grand Lodge shall elect for the session of that body, and this resolution shall be in force until otherwise ordered.

The committee on the Grand Patriarch's communication in their report, recommended that the Grand Patriarch be authorized to issue a charter for a new Encampment at Kennebunk, provided he should be of the opinion that it is expedient to do so. The committee expressed the opinion that Encampments have no right to refuse to pay benefits to sick Patriarchs, although they have a right to fix the amount, which, however, should not be nominal, but substantial, regulated according to the location of the Encampment, the expense of living, &c.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Patriarch Williams,

Resolved, That the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to represent to that body, and use his exertions to obtain relief from our existing liability to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION.

BANGOR, JULY 10, 1855.

Officers present—Seth E. Benson, Grand Patriarch ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand High Priest, *pro tem.* ; Nathan Emerson, Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.* ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe.

The G. E. Degree was conferred on the following :

E. P. Baldwin, P. C. P., of Hobah, No. 5 ; J. W. Humphrey, P. C. P., L. G. McKenney, P. C. P., Benj. Swett, P. C. P., Lemuel Bradford, P. C. P., N. H. Colton, P. C. P., Cyrus K. Ladd, P. H. P., John Rand, P. H. P., Phineas Yeaton, P. H. P., of Katahdin, No. 4 ; Alonzo F. Craig, P. C. P., Henry W. Gott, P. H. P., of Alamoosic, No. 11.

The Grand Patriarch made a verbal communication, stating that nothing had transpired during the past year requiring a written report.

The following Officers were elected and installed :

S. B. Straw, Grand Patriarch ; S. J. Lord, Grand High Priest ; A. F. Craig, Grand Senior Warden ; M. Gilligan, Grand Junior Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer.

Grand Representative Deering reported the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was ordered on file.

On motion of Grand Representative Deering,

Resolved, That all persons who are under suspension, or who may hereafter be suspended from Subordinate Encampments, for non-payment of dues, or in any case when the suspension is for an indefinite time, may be expelled by a vote of the Encampment, without trial or notice, provided they do not within one year from the time of their suspension apply to be re-instated and pay up all arrearages then due.

[In 1870, the Grand Lodge of the United States, passed a law that a member "cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues." Digest 1766.]

An amendment to the constitution proposed at the last session by Patriarch Joseph Burton, was called up and adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That the constitution of this Grand Encampment be so amended that the Annual Session shall hereafter be held on the second Tuesday of August.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 11 ; initiations, 6 ; withdrawn by card, 1 ; re-instated, 1 ; suspended, 3 ; amount of relief, \$30.00 ; invested funds, \$2000.00 ; number of members, 329.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 12, 1856.

S. B. Straw, Grand Patriarch, presided.

The G. E. Degree was conferred on the following :

Stephen I. Abbott, P. C. P., Edward P. Burnham, P. C. P., David S. Sands, P. C. P., Mark Prime, P. C. P., Joshua Chadbourne, P. C. P., Charles Nutter, P. C. P., of Hobah, No. 5 ; J. W. Sargent, P. C. P., of Agamenticus, No. 15.

The Grand Patriarch in his report, stated that Agamenticus, No. 15, has asked permission to change their location to Kennebunk, which request he recommended be granted.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved That the Patriarch who shall be elected to the office of Grand Representative be required, previous to election, to pledge himself to pay the Representative tax to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That Agamenticus Encampment, No. 15, is hereby authorized to change its location to Kennebunk.

The following Officers were elected and installed :

J. P. Adams, Grand Patriarch ; Benj. C. Fernald, Grand High Priest ; Joshua Chadbourne, Grand Senior Warden ; Charles Nutter, Grand Junior Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer. J. P. Adams, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 11, 1857.

Officers present—Benj. C. Fernald, Grand High Priest ; Charles Nutter, Grand Junior Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following :

W. P. Files, P. C. P., Machigonne, No. 1 ; R. P. Ripley, P. H. P., Hobah, No. 5 ; A. C. Pray, P. C. P., Worombus, No. 13.

Patriarch Deering, offered the following :

Resolved, That the following Subordinates having neglected to make any returns to this body for more than two years, have forfeited their charters, and it is hereby declared that Sagamore, No. 3 ; Sagadahock, No. 6 ; Border, No. 8 ; Cobbosseecontee, No. 9 ; Excelsior, No. 10 ; Mt. Pleasant, No. 14, have no legal existence, and that the Grand Patriarch be directed to take immediate measures to recover the books, property and papers, of said Encampments, now the property of this Grand Encampment.

The foregoing resolution was amended by striking out the names of "Sagamore," and "Mt. Pleasant" Encampments, and the resolution, as amended, was thereupon unanimously adopted.

The following Officers were elected and installed :

Edward P. Burnham, Grand Patriarch ; Nath'l I. Mitchell, Grand High Priest ; S. S. Webster, Grand Senior Warden ; Rufus P. Tapley, Grand Junior Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Encampment adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

MAY 12, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Patriarch Norton, the following preamble and resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The office of Grand Representative from this body to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, became vacant by the suspension of J. P. Adams, in Hobah Encampment ; therefore

Resolved, That said office is hereby declared vacant.

On motion of Grand Scribe Kingsbury,

Resolved, That the Patriarchs who shall be nominated for election as Grand Representative, and shall accept such nomination, are hereby understood to pledge themselves, in case of their election, to pay the Representative tax due to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Otis Kaler, was elected Grand Representative. The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 10 ; initiated, 5 ; re-instated, 1, relieved, 5 ; amount of relief, \$62.00 ; invested fund, \$2000.00 ; number of members, 211.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 10, 1858.

Officers present—E. P. Burnham, Grand Patriarch ; Benj. G. Fernald, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon Rufus Stanley, P. C. P., Eastern Star, No. 2.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Edward P. Banks, Grand Patriarch ; Daniel L. Mitchell, Grand High Priest ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Senior Warden ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Junior Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer. Daniel L. Choate, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Rufus Stanley, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 11 ; re-instated, 1 ; relieved, 4 ; amount of relief, \$62.00 ; invested fund, \$2,178.94 ; number of members, 212.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August, 9, 1859.

Officers present.—Edward P. Banks, Grand Patriarch ; D. L. Mitchell, Grand High Priest ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Senior Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following : Thomas P. Sawyer, P. C. P., R. N. Stevens, P. C. P., E. Milliken, P. C. P., Joshua F. Deering, P. H. P., Hobah, No. 5.

The Grand Patriarch in his report, stated that the Encampment Branch of the Order in this State had been in a languishing condition for several years past. No improvement had taken place since the last Annual Session. He stated that the finances were in better condition than they had been for years ; all bills were paid, and

there was a small balance on hand. He recommended that the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be instructed to propose that each local Grand Body, be required to pay the expenses of its own Representative, or remain unrepresented.

The charter, books and papers surrendered by Agamenticus Encampment, No. 15, were accepted.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Mark Prime, Grand Patriarch ; Wm. E. Kimball, Grand High Priest ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Senior Warden ; Elias Milliken, Grand Junior Warden ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Joseph F. Deering, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments reported, 4 ; initiated, 1 ; withdrawn by card, 1 ; suspended, 11 ; number relieved, 8 ; amount of receipts, \$127.65 ; number of members 153.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 14, 1860.

Officers present.—Mark Prime, Grand Patriarch ; Newell Blake, Grand High Priest, *pro tem* ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Senior Warden ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem*. ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his report. He stated that the amount of work done the past year has been small, though it showed an increase over last year, and a better condition of the Patriarchal branch than many anticipated. He announced the death of Cyrus Cummings, Past Grand Patriarch.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Edward P. Gerrish, Grand Patriarch ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand

High Priest ; Newell Blake, Grand Senior Warden ; William C. Beckett, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Charles Nutter was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Patriarch appointed George W. Nichols, Grand Sentinel.

The committee on that subject submitted the following report, which was accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maine :

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Patriarch's communication relative to the decease of Past Grand Patriarch Cyrus Cummings, beg leave to report the following resolutions, embodying what they trust to be the feelings and sympathies of this Grand Encampment :

Whereas, This Grand Encampment, since its last session, has lost from its midst the venerable Past Grand Patriarch Cyrus Cummings, who had served faithfully in important stations in this Grand Encampment, particularly as Grand Patriarch ; therefore,

Resolved, That in the decease of this venerable and respected Patriarch, the institution of Odd Fellowship, and particularly the Patriarchal branch, has experienced a loss which is severely felt by us all—that we deeply sympathize with his family and friends, as well as with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, among which he has long stood conspicuous for his zeal and fidelity to the Order.

Resolved, That this action of the Grand Encampment be entered on the records, and that the Grand Scribe be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to the widow of our deceased brother.

Respectfully submitted,

NATH'L F. DEERING,
EDWARD P. BANKS,
DANIEL L. CHOATE.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 4 ; initiated, 14 ; reinstated, 5 ; suspended, 2 ; number relieved. 8 ; annual receipts, \$502.00 ; number of members, 160.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 14, 1861.

Officers present—Edward P. Gerrish, Grand Patriarch ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand High Priest ; Newell Blake, Grand Senior War-

den; William C. Beckett, Grand Junior Warden; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon Louis Bunce, P. C. P., Machigonne, No. 1; Henry W. Hersey, P. H. P., Eastern Star, No. 2.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his annual report.

Officers were elected and installed as follows:

Wm. C. Beckett, Grand Patriarch; Rufus Stanley, Grand High Priest; Louis Bunce, Grand Senior Warden; Henry W. Hersey, Grand Junior Warden; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Subordinate Encampments be required to pay this Grand Encampment an assessment of twenty cents on each member of their Encampments, semi-annually, which is to be instead of the assessment and tax required by the constitution of this Grand Encampment.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 4; initiated, 4; deaths, 1; number of members, 163.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 12, 1862.

Officers present—William C. Beckett, Grand Patriarch; Rufus Stanley, Grand High Priest; Louis Bunce, Grand Senior Warden; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The Grand Encampment Degree was conferred upon the following:

Charles H. Rich, P. C. P., W. S. Philbrook, P. C. P., Ira Stilson, P. C. P., John Bond, P. H. P., N. G. Cummings, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1; A. B. Hilton, P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his report. He stated that Ka-

tahdin, No. 4, had resumed work ; owing to the financial condition of this Encampment, he decided, upon the advice of some of the Grand Officers to remit 50 per cent. of its dues. He stated that Mt. Pleasant, No. 14, had also resumed work, and after hearing a statement of their affairs he decided to remit all past dues to January 1st, 1862. He said that Grand Representative Nutter, having resigned, he appointed to fill the vacancy, Ira C. Doe, P. C. P., of No. 5.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Patriarch, in their report recommended that the action of the Grand Patriarch in remitting the dues of Katahdin, No. 4, and Mt. Pleasant, No. 14, be approved.

Adopted.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Wm. C. Beckett, Grand Patriarch ; Rufus Stanley, Grand High Priest ; Newell Blake, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer.

Ira C. Doe, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Patriarch appointed John Bond, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 6 ; initiated, 7 ; suspended, 8 ; number relieved, 5 ; deaths, 2 ; amount of relief \$186.00 ; annual receipts, \$534.00 ; number of members, 188.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 11, 1863.

Officers present—Wm. C. Beckett, Grand Patriarch ; Rufus Stanley, Grand High Priest ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.* ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The Grand Encampment Degree was conferred upon Nathaniel

Redlon, P. C. P., Edmund Black, P. C. P., Machigonne, No. 1.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his annual report.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Rufus Stanley, Grand Patriarch ; N. G. Cummings, Grand High Priest ; David Norton, Grand Senior Warden ; N. I. Mitchell, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer.

P. G. Patriarch Burnham offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Grand Encampment of Maine, that it would promote the interest of the Encampment branch of the Order to have the number necessary to form a quorum in a Subordinate Encampment reduced from seven to five members, and the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to change the laws accordingly.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments 6 ; initiated, 3 ; withdrawn by card, 2 ; suspended, 4 ; deaths, 1 ; amount of relief, \$74.00 ; annual receipts, \$567.00 ; number of members, 182.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, Aug. 9, 1864.

Officers present—Rufus Stanley, Grand Patriarch ; N. G. Cummings, Grand High Priest ; J. N. Read, Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.* ; N. I. Mitchell, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon A. M. McKenney, P. C. P., Simon M. Sawyer, P. C. P., J. A. Fenderson, P. H. P., C. J. Schumacher, P. H. P., Machigonne, No. 1.

The Grand Patriarch made a verbal report stating that he had nothing to communicate, which would require action of the Grand Encampment.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Nath'l G. Cummings, Grand Patriarch ; Benjamin C. Fernald,

Grand High Priest ; James N. Read, Grand Senior Warden ; A. M. McKenney, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer.

Ira C. Doe, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Patriarch appointed C. H. Rich, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION.

SACO, August 8, 1865.

Officers present—Nath'l G. Cummings, Grand Patriarch ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand High Priest, *pro tem* ; James N. Read, Grand Senior Warden ; A. M. McKenney, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon John H. Hall, P. C. P., F. H. Morse, P. H. P., Machigonne, No. 1 ; M. P. Church, P. C. P., Tho's P. Sawyer, P. C. P., Hobah, No. 2.

The Grand Patriarch, in his report, stated that there had been a slight gain in membership the past year.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Patriarch ; James N. Read, Grand High Priest ; A. M. McKenney, Grand Senior Warden ; John H. Hall, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Thomas P. Sawyer, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, Aug. 14, 1866.

Officers present—Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Patriarch ; James N. Read, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem*. ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem* ; Edward P. Banks Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon, Charles H. Blake, P. C. P., James E. Haseltine, P. C. P., Freedom Nash, P. H. P., George H. Walden, P. H. P., Machigonne, No. 1.

The Grand Patriarch in his report alluded to the burning of Odd Fellows Hall in Portland, by reason of which, Machigonne, No. 1, and Eastern Star, No. 2, lost all their regalia, working apparatus and charters. He recommended that new charters be granted them free of expense.

On motion,

Voted, That charters, free of charge, be furnished Machigonne, No. 1, and Eastern Star, No. 2, to replace those destroyed by the fire.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

James N. Read, Grand Patriarch ; N. H. Colton, Grand High Priest ; Charles Nutter, Grand Senior Warden ; J. E. Haseltine, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer.

Wm. C. Beckett, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Geo. H. Walden, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 13, 1867.

Officers present—James N. Read, Grand Patriarch ; N. H. Colton, Grand High Priest ; A. N. Yeaton, Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.* ; J. E. Haseltine, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following : Charles B. Nash, P. C. P., Addison Frye, P. C. P., O. B. Whitten, P. H. P., J. K. Merrill, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1 ; John B. Nealley, P. H. P., of Hobah, No. 5.

The Grand Patriarch in his report stated that the interest in the Encampment branch of the Order was manifestly increasing,

and that it was stronger than for a long time past. He recommended that a Grand Instructor be appointed, whose duty it shall be to see that the work of the Encampment Degrees is conferred in a uniform and proper manner.

The committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, in their report, recommended the passage of the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That this Grand Encampment urge upon its subordinates the importance of conferring the degrees with the solemnity and dignity which their beauty and elevated truths so clearly require, and of carefully avoiding the unseemly blending of the ridiculous and sacred together.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Patriarch, and the R. W. Grand Scribe, be authorized in their discretion, to employ a public instructor, to visit the Subordinate Encampments, provided the funds of the Grand Encampment and the necessity of the case may seem to justify them in so doing.

The following officers were elected and installed :

James N. Read, Grand Patriarch ; N. H. Colton, Grand High Priest ; A. N. Yeaton, Grand Senior Warden ; J. E. Haseltine, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer.

Patriarch Edward P. Banks, resigned the office of Grand Representative, to which he had been appointed on the resignation of Wm. C. Beckett, whereupon the Grand Encampment proceeded to fill the vacancy.

Wm. C. Beckett, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Geo. H. Walden Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 11, 1868.

Officers present—James N. Read, Grand Patriarch ; N. H. Colton, Grand High Priest ; A. N. Yeaton, Grand Senior Warden ; J. E. Haseltine, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe and Treasurer.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following :

J. H. Wentworth, P. C. P., John T. Small, P. C. P., John F. McCallar, P. H. P., C. C. Hayes, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1 ; C. R. Goodell, P. C. P., W. H. Smith, P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2 ; Wyatt Weed, P. C. P., Wm. H. Greenough, P. C. P., of Katahdin, No. 4 ; Wm. J. Bradford, P. C. P., of Hobah, No. 5 ; B. B. Brown, P. C. P., of Sagadahock, No. 6 ; George F. Mariner, P. H. P., of Cummings, No. 16.

In his report, the Grand Patriarch refers to the general prosperity of the Order, and congratulates the Grand Encampment on the new interest that has been awakened in the Patriarchal Branch of the Order in this State. He had issued a dispensation for a new Encampment at Saccarappa Village, Westbrook, to be known as Cummings Encampment, No. 16. Said Encampment was instituted January 4th, 1868. He renewed the recommendation for the appointment of a Grand Instructor. He recommended that the proceedings of the Grand Encampment be printed.

The committee to whom the Grand Patriarchs communication was referred, in their report, stated that the funds would not warrant the appointment of a Grand Instructor. The committee recommended the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Patriarch, in granting a dispensation for the institution of Cummings Encampment, No. 16, be approved, and that the Grand Scribe be directed to issue a charter for the same.

Adopted.

On motion,

Voted, That a duplicate charter be issued to Sagadahock Encampment, No. 6, in place of their charter, which has been lost.

The following officers were elected and installed :

James E. Haseltine, Grand Patriarch ; A. N. Yeaton, Grand High Priest ; J. W. Sargent, Grand Senior Warden ; W. H. Greenough, Grand Junior Warden ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer. N. G. Cummings, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Patriarch appointed Geo. F. Marriner, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 7; initiated, 124; admitted by card, 13; suspended, 1; withdrawn by card, 10; re-instated, 4; deaths, 3; number relieved, 20; amount of relief, \$300.00; amount of receipts, \$1,953.00; invested funds, \$6,628.00; number of members, 405.

ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 10, 1869.

Officers present—J. E. Haseltine, Grand Patriarch; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*; J. W. Sargent, Grand Senior Warden; Wm. H. Smith, Grand Junior Warden; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer; N. G. Cummings, Grand Representative; Geo. F. Marriner, Grand Sentinel.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following:

Stephen K. Dyer, P. C. P., Caleb N. Lang, P. C. P., James I. Barbour, P. H. P., Charles L. Jack, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1; John F. Sherry, P. C. P., A. D. Pearson P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2; P. Batchelder, P. H. P., of Katahdin, No. 4; Thos. P. Sawyer, P. C. P., of Hobah, No. 5; N. S. Morse, P. C. P., of Sagadahock, No. 6; G. A. Callahan, P. H. P., of Worombus, No. 13; D. W. Babb, P. C. P., W. E. Brown, P. H. P., G. D. Brown, P. H. P., of Cummings, No. 16; S. F. Parcher, P. C. P., C. F. Brackett, P. C. P., S. H. Pillsbury, P. H. P., of York, No. 17.

The Grand Patriarch read his report in which he stated that a marked revival of interest was manifested, and the membership had been largely increased during the year. Worombus, No. 13, had been resuscitated; York Encampment, No. 17, at Biddeford, had been instituted. He recommended that the Grand Representative

be instructed to ascertain as definitely as he can, the correct work of the Encampment Degrees; that he submit the same to the Grand Officers for their approval, and some Patriarch visit each Encampment in the State, and instruct them in the work, and that the Grand Patriarch require them to abide by such instructions. He hoped the Grand Encampment would take such action as is deemed best for restoring the Aprons in the R. P. Degree.

The Grand Representative in his report, stated that the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That when a member of an Encampment in good standing, takes a withdrawal card from the Subordinate Lodge of which he may be a member, his membership in his Encampment shall not be affected thereby for a year from the date of his withdrawal card. He shall be considered in good standing in his Encampment if he deposits his withdrawal card in a Subordinate Lodge, and becomes a member thereof at any time within a year from the date of his said withdrawal card, provided he shall keep his dues paid up in the Encampment during that time.

Resolved, That Grand Patriarchs and their duly commissioned special deputies, are hereby empowered, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Grand Encampments respectively, to confer the Subordinate Encampment degrees upon a sufficient number of scarlet degree members of a Subordinate Lodge, for the purpose of qualifying them as proper petitioners for a warrant or charter for an Encampment within their jurisdiction, at a place where none exists.

REGALIA.

The following was adopted :

The Encampment Regalia shall be black Aprons and gloves; and for Patriarchs who have attained the Royal Purple Degree, purple collars only, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe. Past Chief Patriarchs shall wear purple collars or sashes, trimmed as above defined.

The Regalia for Grand Representatives shall be a collar of purple velvet, not more than five inches in width, with a roll of scarlet velvet, the trimmings to be of white and yellow metal, and the collar to be united in front with three links, to which may be suspended such medal or medals as the member may be entitled to wear.

Past Grand Representatives and the Officers and Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall wear the Regalia above described for Grand Representatives.

The Jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires shall be a medal three inches in diameter, of yellow metal, on one side of which shall be the coat of Arms of the United States, surrounded by an ornamental edging of silver.

Grand Representatives and Past Grand Representatives shall be entitled to wear medals of the size and style above, with the Coat of Arms of the State represented.

COLLAR AND JEWELS FOR P. G. PATRIARCHS.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge adopt for Past Grand Patriarchs a royal purple collar of velvet, not to exceed five inches in width, trimmed with yellow metal lace fringe and tassels, with crossed crooks and a dove with olive branch on the face of the collar, and yellow lace and fringe around, two-thirds the length of the collar.

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge adopt for Past Grand Patriarchs, a jewel of yellow metal of two and a half inches in diameter, rim three-eighths inch wide, with double triangle, and rays extending from rim, and the letters P. G. P. in the centre of triangle.

OFFICERS MUST WEAR JEWELS.

Resolved, That all Officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall wear the jewels of their office during the transaction of business.

AID TO NEW ENCAMPMENTS.

Resolved, That donations made to assist petitioning brothers or Patriarchs by the parent, or other Lodges or Encampments, for the purpose of instituting new Lodges or Encampments, is allowable, and is in no sense to be regarded as a division of the funds of the Lodge or Encampment.

Resolved, That in the consideration of such action by the parent Lodges and Encampments, it is recommended that the Grand Bodies or Grand Officers of the jurisdiction be consulted with as to its propriety.

A charter was granted to York Encampment, No. 17, at Biddeford.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

J. W. Sargent, Grand Patriarch; A. C. Pray, Grand High Priest; Wm. H. Smith, Grand Senior Warden; S. F. Parcher, Grand Junior Warden; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Patriarch appointed S. H. Pillsbury, Grand Sentinel.
The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 9; initiated, 144; admitted by card, 14; suspended, 1; withdrawn by card, 14; re-instated, 8; number relieved, 18; amount of relief, \$194.00; amount of receipts, \$2,494.56; invested funds, \$7,385.82; number of members, 530.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

BIDDEFORD, AUGUST 9, 1870.

Officers present—J. W. Sargent, Grand Patriarch ; Edward P. Burnham, Grand High Priest, *pro tem.* ; Wm. Smith, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Charles H. Rich, Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.* ; R. M. Stevens, Grand Sentinel, *pro tem.*

The G. E. Degree was conferred on the following :

Joseph G. Russell, P. C. P., Israel Hicks, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1 ; Herbert R. Sargent, P. C. P., W. G. Norris, P. C. P., Wm. F. Todd, P. H. P., Peter W. Stoneham, P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2 ; John R. Carpenter, P. C. P., Chas. M. Littlefield, P. C. P., Cyrus P. Berry, P. H. P., John W. Adams, P. H. P., of Hobah, No. 5 ; John Holt, P. H. P., of Worombus, No. 13 ; Jonathan Parker, P. C. P., Moses Harriman, P. C. P., Wm. R. Littlefield, P. C. P., Ivory Goodwin, P. C. P., Jerome Garland, P. H. P., James H. Buck, P. H. P., of York, No. 17.

The Grand Patriarch, in his report recommended that the Grand Representative be instructed to use his best endeavors to restore the apron to the regalia of this Order. He stated that there had been no question submitted to him requiring any action of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Representative in his report, stated that it was enacted that several candidates at the same time may receive the Patriarchal and Golden Rule Degrees ; but in no instance, except in the opening of a new Encampment can there be more than one Patriarch introduced at one time in the Royal Purple Degree.

The Grand Encampment then proceeded to election and installation of Officers, with the following result :

Wm. H. Smith, Grand Patriarch ; John B. Nealley, Grand High Priest ; Phineas Bachelder, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Jerome Garland, Grand Junior Warden. O. B. Whitten was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Representative was instructed to use all laudable endeavors to have the apron restored.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 9; initiated, 101; admitted by card, 1; withdrawn by card, 4; suspended, 4, rejected, 1; deaths, 8; number relieved, 34; amount of relief, \$588.00; amount of receipts, \$2,434.14; invested funds, \$9,126.84, number of members, 621.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

The report of the Grand Representative showed the following statistics of the Patriarchal branch of our Order:

Number of Encampments,	-	-	-	-	1,050
“ of members,	-	-	-	-	56,215
“ initiated during the year,	-	-	-	-	9,839
“ of members relieved,	-	-	-	-	3,849
Amount paid for relief of members,	-	-	-	-	\$75,734.02
Total relief,	-	-	-	-	\$92,216.41
Amount of annual receipts,	-	-	-	-	\$335,465.27

It was enacted that Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments may return surrendered charters that have remained unclaimed for not less than five years upon the petition of the requisite number of qualified brothers, although only one of the petitioners may have been a member of said defunct Lodge or Encampment, if it is made apparent no more can be obtained.

It was decided that no Lodge, Encampment or Degree Lodge, shall hold any meeting for work or business upon Sunday, except for funeral purposes. Subordinate Encampments, when they appear in public, were authorized to wear such uniform style of head-dress as may be approved by the Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

BANGOR, AUGUST 8, 1871.

Officers present—Wm. H. Smith, Grand Patriarch; John B. Nealley, Grand High Priest; Phineas Batchelder, Grand Senior

Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Jerome Garland, Grand Junior Warden ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Representative ; Israel Hicks, Grand Sentinel.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following :

A. D. Smith, P. C. P., of Machigonne, No. 1 ; Edward A. Buck, P. C. P., Wm. H. Prescott, P. C. P., Geo. S. Hall, P. H. P., A. R. Greenough, P. H. P., Aaron Rowell, P. H. P., Joseph N. Downe, P. H. P., Samuel G. Robinson, P. H. P., of Katahdin, No. 4 ; Chas. A. Leavitt, P. C. P., E. L. Sawyer, P. C. P., of Hobah, No. 5 ; Arthur Jameson, P. C. P., of Oldtown, No. 12 ; Geo. W. Maxfield, P. H. P., of Worombus, No. 13 ; James Colby, P. C. P., of Colby, No. 18.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his report. He stated that he had approved the *chapeau* adopted in convention of the several Encampments in this State, held in Portland last November. He had issued a dispensation for a new Encampment at Skowhegan, to be called Colby, No. 18.

He recommended that the Grand Encampment provide regalia and jewels for its Officers. He had decided that a ballot cannot be set aside because a Patriarch voted who was disqualified by being in arrears for dues, unless the Patriarch acknowledged that he threw the black ball. He gave an interesting account of a visit to Boston, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of their new Temple.

The following Officers were elected and installed :

Phineas Batchelder, Grand Patriarch ; Jerome Garland, Grand High Priest ; Charles H. Rich, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Warren E. Pressey, Grand Junior Warden.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in case a sufficient number of Patriarchs formerly holding membership in Agamenticus Encampment, apply to the Grand Patriarch for the restoration of the charter, with a request that the said Encampment be removed to South Berwick, he is hereby empowered to issue his dispensation in accordance with their request.

The Grand Patriarch, with some very appropriate remarks presented the Grand Encampment with a beautiful Grand Patriarch's Jewell, the gift of J. N. Read, P. G. P., which was received, and the thanks of the Grand Encampment presented Past Grand Patriarch Read for his very beautiful present. The recommendation of the Grand Patriarch in regard to the purchase of regalia and jewels for the use of the Grand Encampment, was not adopted in consequence of lack of funds. The decision in regard to setting aside a ballot, was approved.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number of Encampments, 10; initiated, 235; rejected, 6; admitted by card, 1; withdrawn by card, 5; re-instated, 2; suspended, 12; expelled, 2; number of members, 836; number of deaths, 8; number relieved, 49; total relief, \$807.00; amount of receipts, \$4,343.55; invested funds, \$11,821.51.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

The report of the Grand Representative showed the following statistics :

Number of Encampments,	-	-	-	-	1,271
" of members,	-	-	-	-	62,770
" initiated during the year,	-	-	-	-	10,334
" of members relieved,	-	-	-	-	4,761
Amount paid for relief of members,	-	-	-	-	\$93,747.53
Total relief,	-	-	-	-	\$113,361.76
Amount of annual receipts,	-	-	-	-	\$342,638.28

It was enacted that no member of the Order shall, either directly or indirectly, use or sanction the use of any of the emblems, the name, or any of the titles, or the mottoes, or the initials thereof of this Order in the prosecution of any private business or enterprise, nor in any advertisement or public display not authorized by some law of the Order.

It was decided that hereafter the name of any person, while living, shall not be used as the chartered name or title for any Lodge or Encampment, to be instituted under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or under that of any jurisdiction subordinate thereto. It was enacted that every brother present in a

Lodge or Encampment is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge or Encampment ; and no particular number of votes is necessary so long as a quorum is present.

The following is a statement of the distinctive stations for Officers of Subordinate Encampments, and approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States at the last session.

The position of the Guide shall be in front and to the right of the Senior Warden. The Guards of Tent to the right and left of the High Priest. The 1st and 2d Watches to the right and left of the Chief Patriarch, and the 3d and 4th Watches to the right and left of the Senior Warden.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

LEWISTON, August 13, 1872.

Officers present—Phineas Batchelder, Grand Patriarch ; Joseph K. Merrill, Grand High Priest, *pro tem.* ; Charles H. Rich, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Warren E. Pressey, Grand Junior Warden ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Representative ; Aaron Rowell, Grand Sentinel.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following :

James A. Conley, P. H. P., Daniel W. Loveitt, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1 ; Daniel W. Nash, P. C. P., F. T. Littlefield, P. C. P., C. H. Mitchell, P. C. P., Wyer Greene, P. C. P., Joshua Davis, P. H. P., Albro E. Chase, P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2 ; F. M. Laughton, P. C. P., of Katahdin, No. 4 ; Clarence C. Frost, P. H. P., W. F. Garcelon, P. C. P., O. G. Douglass, P. H. P., of Worombus, No. 13 ; Wm. A. McIntire, P. C. P., of Agamenticus, No. 15 ; Wm. V. Harmon, P. C. P., F. A. Bettis, P. C. P., F. H. Grant, P. C. P., of Cummings, No. 16 ; Joseph H. Dearborn, P. C. P., J. Goldsborough, P. H. P., of York, No. 17 ; J. H. Knox, P. H. P., of Colby, No. 18.

The Grand Patriarch submitted his report. He stated that he had restored the charter to Agamenticus Encampment, No. 15, now at South Berwick. The Encampment was re-instated March 19th, 1872. He had decided that a Patriarch not previously nominated was eligible to office, on the ground that the provision that the nomination should be made on the evening previous to election, merely fixed the time when nominations should be in order as a matter of convenience, but did not render a nomination necessary.

He stated that a petition had been received from Patriarchs residing in Dover and vicinity, for the establishment of an Encampment at that place.

He recommended that legislation be had, changing the beginning and ending of the fiscal year, to conform to the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

He also recommended that the Grand Representatives be instructed to use their influence to obtain such legislation as will change the term of office in Subordinate Encampments from six months to one year.

The decisions of the Grand Patriarch were approved. The petition for an Encampment at Dover was referred to the Grand Patriarch for the ensuing year.

The following officers were elected and installed :

Charles H. Rich, Grand Patriarch ; Warren E. Pressey, Grand High Priest ; Edward A. Buck, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Joseph H. Knox, Grand Junior Warden.

O. B. Whitten, was elected Grand Representative.

The Grand Patriarch was authorized to remit the charter fee of Mt. Pleasant Encampment, if the Encampment should revive.

A committee consisting of N. G. Cummings, J. N. Read, and J. K. Merrill, was appointed to revise the constitution of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Initiated, 186; rejected, 11; admitted by card, 3; withdrawn by card, 6; reinstated, 3; suspended, 9; number of members, 1,005; deaths, 5; number relieved, 49; amount paid for relief of Patriarchs, \$927.00; amount of receipts, \$4,408.05; invested funds, \$13,220.32.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

The report of the Grand Representative showed that the following decision of the Grand Sire was approved :

No officer or member can enter or retire from an Encampment, when open and working as such, without the proper sign &c., (addressing the chair) except the Junior Warden in charge of a candidate.

The report also showed that a committee was appointed to prepare a form for public installation and public institution for Subordinate Encampments, who reported the existing forms for installation and institution, with slight changes, as suitable for public installation and institution. The report was adopted.

It was enacted that Encampments be permitted to wear such style of street uniform on parade as may be sanctioned by the Grand Encampment of their respective jurisdictions; but under no circumstances shall the funds of an Encampment be appropriated to meet any expense incurred thereby.

SPECIAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, February 12, 1873.

Officers present—Charles H. Rich, Grand Patriarch; Warren E. Pressey, Grand High Priest; J. N. Read, Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe; E. P. Banks, Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*; F. H. Grant, Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*; O. B. Whitten, Grand Representative.

The following was adopted as a street uniform, to be worn by Subordinate Encampments when on parade, viz :

1. Black frock coat and black pants.
2. Black chapeau with three plumes, two black and one royal purple, running between the black and over the centre of the chapeau. Yellow metal crossed crooks on a black rosette, with a purple centre on the left side of the chapeau.
3. Gauntlet gloves, the hand part black kid—gauntlets to be of royal purple, with yellow crossed crooks embroidered on the back of each cuff, which is to be 5 1-2 inches wide, and a braid similar to that on the baldric, around each cuff.
4. A baldric, to be 4 inches wide, trimmed with yellow lace not over 1-2 inch

wide, with one row of gilt braid 1-8 inch wide, with yellow lace fringe across each end, and with crossed crooks embroidered upon the front of the baldric.

5. A purple velvet belt, with two stripes of gilt lace braid through the centre at equal distances.

6. Sword 32 to 38 inches long, yellow metal scabbard, cross hilt, black handle, head with tent.

It was enacted that no Encampment in this jurisdiction be allowed to appear in uniform, unless the uniform adopted by them be first submitted to the M. W. Grand Patriarch and approved by him.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

SKOWHEGAN, August 13, 1873.

Officers present—Charles H. Rich, Grand Patriarch ; Warren E. Pressey, Grand High Priest ; O. G. Douglass, Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.* ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; J. H. Knox, Grand Junior Warden ; O. B. Whitten, Grand Representative ; F. T. Littlefield, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment Degree was conferred on the following new members :

Emery C. Chase, P. H. P., John M. Brown, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1 ; A. F. Berry, P. C. P., Thomas P. Beals, P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2 ; G. A. Davenport, P. C. P., of Katahdin, No. 4 ; E. J. Riker, P. H. P., P. O. Spinney, P. H. P., George A. Drew, P. C. P., of Worombus, No. 13 ; C. H. Thomas, P. C. P., S. M. Sawyer, P. C. P., A. H. Weston, P. H. P., G. A. Downing, P. H. P., of Colby, No. 18.

The Grand Patriarch in his report alluded to the death of Nath'l F. Deering, Past Grand Patriarch who departed this life May 9th, 1873, and spoke of him as "one who was closely identified with the Order in this State, and who always took a deep interest in the advancement of its principles."

He stated that the charter was restored to Mt. Pleasant En-

campment, No. 14, January 10th, 1873, on petition of seven of the former members.

The charter fee was remitted.

He recommended that the Grand Encampment purchase regalias for the use of its officers.

O. B. Whitten, Grand Representative, tendered his resignation of the office, which was accepted.

The following Grand Officers were elected and installed :

Warren E. Pressey, Grand Patriarch ; J. H. Knox, Grand High Priest ; Augustine D. Smith, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; O. G. Douglass, Grand Junior Warden ; James N. Read, Grand Representative ; Charles H. Rich, Grand Representative, to fill vacancy.

The Grand Representatives were instructed to solicit the Grand Lodge of the United States to provide by law for the full acknowledgement of the rights of Past High Priests, who have entered Grand Encampments by service in that chair.

The special committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Patriarch's communication relating to the death of Past Grand Patriarch Nathaniel F. Deering, reported, giving a brief history of his official connection with the institution of Odd Fellowship, and recommended the passage of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That in the death of Past Grand Patriarch, Nathaniel F. Deering, the Order in Maine loses one of its most respected and able members, who gave to the institution many years of zealous and unselfish support.

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be directed to appropriate a tablet leaf in the printed proceedings to his memory.

Resolved, That a copy of this report and resolutions be sent by the Grand Scribe to the family of our deceased brother.

Adopted.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

Number initiated, 127 ; rejected, 4 ; admitted by card, 1 ; withdrawn by card, 29 ; re-instated, 1 ; deaths, 4 ; number of members, 1,098 ; number

relieved, 24; amount paid for relief of Patriarchs, \$527.00; amount of receipts, \$2,932.45; invested funds, \$14,496.50.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The report of the Grand Representatives showed that the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not interfere with the right of State Grand Encampments to determine the question as to whether Past High Priests shall or shall not be members of its body.

Resolved, That a member of any Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall, if in good standing, on due proof of such membership under existing laws, be entitled to visit any other of the Grand Encampments of the Order, anything to the contrary in any local law notwithstanding.

Resolved, That Grand Encampments in their several jurisdictions, are hereby authorized to allow Subordinate Encampments to elect Financial Scribes.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, AUGUST 12, 1874.

Officers present—Warren E. Pressey, Grand Patriarch; J. H. Knox, Grand High Priest; A. D. Smith, Grand Senior Warden; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer; O. G. Douglass, Grand Junior Warden; James N. Read and Charles H. Rich, Grand Representatives; D. W. Loveitt, Grand Sentinel, *pro tem*.

The G. E. Degree was conferred on the following Past Officers:

W. L. L. Gill, P. C. P., Geo. E. Kenworthy, Jr., P. C. P., Geo. H. McKenney, P. C. P., Orlando W. Eldridge, P. C. P., John F. Liscomb, P. H. P., L. E. Traver, P. H. P., Levi A. Leonard, P. H. P., of Machigonne, No. 1; Irving J. Brown, P. C. P., Wm. K. Neal, P. C. P., Charles H. French, P. H. P., Frederick Bucknam, P. H. P., Thomas K. Jones, P. H. P., Asa B. Russell, P. H. P., of Eastern Star, No. 2; J. T. Seaver, P. C. P., Orin Hutchinson, P. C. P., Charles H. Berry, P. C. P., C. P. Rhodes, P. H. P., Willett Andrews, P. H. P., of Hobah, No. 5; W. E. Hogan, P. C. P., of Sagadahock, No. 6; George Manent, P. C. P., Charles Chickering, P. C. P., of Dirigo, No. 7;

John Read, P. C. P., of Pejepscot, No. 8 ; J. L. Johnson, P. C. P., Wm. Pulverman, P. C. P., J. M. Cook, P. C. P., Hiram Snow, P. C. P., C. F. Dunlap, P. H. P., Daniel Wood, P. H. P., of Worombus, No. 13 ; George G. Wight, P. C. P., H. A. Shorey, P. H. P., B. C. Stone, P. H. P., of Mt. Pleasant, No. 14 ; Joseph A. Hanson, P. C. P., of Agamenticus, No. 15 ; George T. Springer, P. C. P., George F. Bailey, P. H. P., of Cummings, No. 16 ; Charles H. Nelson, P. C. P., Charles Church, P. C. P. Charles A. Moody, P. H. P., E. P. Parcher, P. H. P., of York, No. 17 ; Frank H. Cushing, P. C. P., Israel Hicks, P. C. P., of Portland, No. 19.

The Grand Patriarch in his report, stated that the Encampments were generally in a live condition, and had made a handsome increase in membership. Four new Encampments had been instituted during the year, viz. :

Dirigo, No. 7, at Kittery ; Pejepscot, No. 8, at Auburn ; Sandy River, No. 9, at Farmington, and El Dorado, No. 20, at Dover.

He recommended that some action be taken in the matter of State cards.

He had made the following decisions :

First. What is the status of a Patriarch in the Encampment, who has taken a withdrawal card from his Lodge ?

Answer. He retains his membership in the Encampment for one year from the date of his card in the Lodge—paying of course the usual dues, etc.

Second. Can an application for membership be withdrawn after it is received and referred to the investigating committee ; and if so, what is the method ?

Answer. Yes. As to the method, by request ; it is unnecessary to ask permission of the Encampment before the investigating committee report. After the committee report, the application cannot be withdrawn.

Third. Is Art. II, clause 1, of the constitution of Subordinate Encampments binding at this date ?

Answer. No.

[The reason of this answer appears to be that the clause alluded to was in contravention of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.]

He suggested that some action be taken in relation to regalia for the Officers of the Grand Encampment ; also, that some legislation be had in relation to the office of Financial Scribe.

A communication was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine, inviting the Grand Encampment to be present and participate in the ceremonies of a State celebration of the thirty-first anniversary of the introduction of the Order in the State, to be held in Portland, August 25, 1874.

The invitation was accepted.

Resolutions were adopted earnestly protesting against the mergement of the Encampment branch of the Order with the Subordinate Lodges, and instructing the Grand Representatives to oppose all attempts at mergement.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in cases of indefinite suspension for non-payment of dues, the matter of re-instatement shall be left to the discretion of the respective Subordinate Encampments in which such suspensions may take place.

The price of charge books to Subordinates was fixed at \$2.50 each, and cards 25 cents each.

The following Grand Officers were elected and installed :

Augustine D. Smith, M. W. Grand Patriarch ; Nathaniel S. Morse, M. E. Grand High Priest ; O. G. Douglass, R. W. Grand Senior Warden ; Nathaniel G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, R. W. Grand Treasurer ; Joshua Davis, R. W. Grand Junior Warden. Charles H. Rich, was elected Grand Representative.

Charters were granted to Dirigo Encampment, No. 7, at Kittery ; Pejepscot, No. 8, Auburn ; Sandy River, No. 9, Farmington, and El Dorado, No. 20, Dover.

The Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, were authorized to issue State cards to members applying, at a price of one dollar each.

The course of the Grand Patriarch in making use of defunct numbers for new Encampments, was approved.

The Grand Patriarch was authorized to appoint an Annalist.

A committee, consisting of N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe, and Joshua Davis, Grand Junior Warden, was appointed to purchase collars and jewels for the Officers of the Grand Encampment.

W. H. Smith, P. C. P., offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter no Representative shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Encampment, unless he shall produce proper credentials.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the regulations in regard to street uniform be so changed as to allow Encampments to wear fringe or not, as they may desire.

On recommendation of the Finance committee, the salary of the Grand Scribe for the past year was fixed at seventy-five dollars, and he was paid thirty-five dollars additional for services the past year.

The Grand Patriarch appointed the following Officers :

Frank H. Cushing, Grand Marshal ; Hiram Snow, Grand Sentinel ; Augustus F. Berry, Deputy Grand Sentinel.

The appointed Officers were then installed.

The constitution and by-laws for the Grand Encampment were adopted.

A committee was appointed to District the State, who subsequently reported the following, which was adopted :

First District, York County ; second District, Cumberland County ; third District, Androscoggin, Franklin and Sagadahock Counties ; fourth District, Somerset and Kennebec Counties ; fifth District, Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties.

The Grand Patriarch appointed as Annalist, Benjamin Kingsbury, Jr., P. G. P., of No. 1.

The Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe were authorized to pay the Annalist such compensation as they may deem sufficient.

The Grand Patriarch appointed the following District Deputy Grand Patriarchs :

District No. 1, W. A. McIntire ; No. 2, A. D. Smith, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 3, O. G. Douglass, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 4, N. S. Morse, (*ex-off.*) ; No. 5, George S. Hall.

The Grand Patriarch was authorized to remove Colby Encampment, No. 18, from Skowhegan to Fairfield, if in his judgment it would be for the best interest of all concerned.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

For the year ending July 1, 1874. Number of Encampments, 17 ; initiations, 324 ; rejections, 13 ; admitted by card, 50 ; withdrawn by card, 35 ; re-instatements, 2 ; suspensions, 8 ; deaths, 7 ; number of members, 1,637.

For the fiscal and statistical year ending December 31, 1873.

Number of Patriarchs relieved, 101 ; buried, 6 ; number of weeks sickness for which benefits were paid, 636 ; amount paid for relief of Patriarchs, \$1,901.00 ; paid for burying the dead, \$85.00 ; current expenses, separate from benefits and charities, \$2,639.15 ; amount of receipts, \$7,119.65 ; invested funds, \$16,785.92.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Representatives report showed that the following Patriarchal uniform was adopted :

1. *Chapeau*. A black chapeau with three plumes, two black, with one royal purple running between the black and over the center of the chapeau ; gilt crossed crooks on a black rosette with a purple center on left side of the chapeau.

2. *Fatigue cap*. A black cloth Fatigue cap, of the present navy style, three inches high, a black leather strap one half inch wide in front, fastened by two round gilt buttons having three links, and crossed crooks embossed thereon ; a one and three-quarter inch tent-shaped gilt ornament in front ; around the lower edge a purple velvet band, one inch wide, with a small gilt cord on each edge of the band.

3. *Baldric*. A pointed Baldric of royal purple velvet, four inches wide, trimmed with yellow lace one-half inch wide, with a row of gilt braid one-eighth of an inch wide on each edge, with crossed crooks three inches in length, embroidered on front center ; the Baldric to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip, and under the sword belt.

4. *Gauntlets*. Black gloves, with cuffs made of royal purple velvet, five and one-half inches wide, with crossed crooks three inches in length, embroidered on the back of each cuff, gilt braid one-eighth of an inch wide around the edges ; the cuffs to be either connected with the gloves or detached.

5. *Belt*. The Belt to be of purple velvet, one and three-quarter inches wide with two stripes of gilt lace one quarter of an inch wide, at equal distances from the edges of the belt ; two short metal link chains suspended from sliding straps on belt, with hook for fatigue cap.

6. *Sword*. The sword to be 36 inches in length, black grip, three-link cross bar, and tent on head of hilt, of yellow metal ; the scabbard to be of yellow metal, embossed or engraved with appropriate emblems with acorn-shaped end. The sword to be hung by the chains attached to belt, running to rings placed on the

sides of the scabbard two and one-half inches below the top ; the sword when worn to be in a perpendicular position.

7. *Coat.* The coat to be a plain black coat.

8. *Pants.* Plain black pantaloons, usual style.

9. *Officers.* The chief captain's uniform shall be as above described, except the belt shall be of yellow velvet, with black edges ; and he shall wear on the left arm, midway between the shoulder and elbow, a gilt equilateral triangle, with sides three and one-half inches in length, on royal purple velvet, with crossed batons in the center.

10. The Subordinate captain's uniform shall be the same as chief captain's, except the center device in the triangle, which shall consist of a single baton.

11. The uniform of elective Officers of an Encampment and members of a Grand Encampment, shall be that prescribed for the R. P. members, with the addition of a gilt fringe two inches in length around the outer edge of the Baldric, with jewels of office suspended by purple ribbon and gilt bar pins from the left breast and equilateral triangle on left arm with emblem of rank embroidered in the center.

12. The uniform of the elective Officers and past elective Officers of a Grand Encampment, shall be that prescribed for its members, except that of the three plumes to be worn on the chapeau, one shall be purple, one black, and one yellow—the latter to be worn in the center ; the gilt fringe on the Baldric shall be two and one-half inches wide ; the coat to be doubled breasted with two rows of buttons in front, and a double equilateral triangle on left arm with emblem of rank embroidered in the center.

Resolved, That none but members of the R. P. Degree shall be permitted to wear the street uniform described in the report just adopted.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That Past High Priests who are members of a Grand Encampment may wear the regalia now authorized to be worn by Past Chief Patriarchs.

Resolved, That the sole right to confer the several Encampment Degrees having been granted by this R. W. Grand Lodge to the several Grand Encampments in their respective jurisdictions, it is regarded as a solemn compact that cannot be recalled or revoked by this Body so long as the said Grand Encampments shall keep inviolate their obligations to the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That every brother in a Lodge or Encampment, if qualified to vote is obliged to vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge or Encampment, and no particular number of votes is necessary so long as a quorum is present.

The following extracts are made from the general returns :

Number of Grand Encampments, - - - -	36
“ “ Subordinate Encampments, - - - -	1,512
An increase in one year of, - - - -	119
Number of Encampment members, - - - -	80,131

An increase in one year of,	-	-	-	-	6,168
Relief by Encampments,	-	-	-	-	\$150,787.06
Revenue of Encampments,	-	-	-	-	\$478,469.06
An increase in one year of,	-	-	-	-	\$15,577.89

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTLAND, August 11, 1875.

Officers present—Augustine D. Smith, Grand Patriarch ; Nath'l S. Morse, Grand High Priest ; O. G. Douglass, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Joshua Davis, Grand Junior Warden ; Frank H. Cushing, Grand Marshal ; Hiram Snow, Grand Sentinel ; A. F. Berry, Deputy Grand Sentinel ; Charles H. Rich, Grand Representative ; James N. Read, Grand Representative.

The G. E. Degree was conferred on the following Past Chief Patriarchs :

Cyrus P. Hinckley, Charles A. Robinson, Freeman T. Merrill, and Stephen Marsh, of Machigonne, No. 1 ; Joseph H. Brackett, Geo. T. Means, Daniel D. Chenery, and Henry S. Trickey, of Eastern Star, No. 2 ; James R. Foss, and Collins B. Fenderson, of Hobah, No. 5 ; George O. Wilson, and Albert H. Purinton, of Dirigo, No. 7 ; Jacob S. Parker, of Pejepscot, No. 8 ; Silas W. Cook, and Samuel O. Wood, of Worombus, No. 13 ; Enos C. Chamberlain, and Byron Kimball, of Mt. Pleasant, No. 14 ; Charles A. Harvey, of Agamenticus, No. 15 ; H. B. Sproul, of Cummings, No. 16 ; R. H. Ingersoll, of York, No. 17 ; Wm. H. Ohler, and John H. Russell, of Portland, No. 19 ; O. N. Bradbury, of Wildey, No. 21 ; and Moses G. Dow, P. H. P. of Eastern Star, No. 2.

The Grand Patriarch, in his report, congratulated the Grand Encampment on the prosperity of this branch of Odd Fellowship the past year, "showing an increase in membership and interest at the meetings, which gives promise of a more brilliant future."

He had instituted Wildey Encampment, No. 21, at Norway.

He stated that he had made the following decisions :

1. February 9th, received a communication from D. D. G. P., George S. Hall, stating that a candidate had been properly reported by the investigating committee of Katahdin Encampment, and a ballot had been taken and but two balls were cast, and they were black. And the Chief Patriarch deciding that the brother was elected; the members appealed from his decision. My answer was that the ballot was not legal, because the C. P. did not do his duty in not obliging all the Patriarchs to vote or be excused by vote of the Encampment; if he had, the result would have been different.

2. March 2d, I received a communication from Worombus Encampment, No. 13, asking if they had the right to receive applications from members of the Order anywhere within the State, and exalt them to the R. P. Degree. My answer was no; a brother must apply to the Encampment nearest his place of residence, or obtain permission to pass that, and join one in a more distant part of the State.

3. May 28th, received a communication from Sandy River Encampment, No. 9, with a number of letters inclosed, asking me the following question:

"A member having applied for a withdrawal card, is the Encampment obliged to grant it, or prefer charges?" My answer was no. The Encampment can, by vote, refuse a withdrawal card; the Patriarch can then resign his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Scribe, under seal, a certificate that he was in good standing at the time of his resignation.

He stated that he had visited officially every Encampment in the State, and in the most of them had exemplified the work.

He suggested that the State be re-districted.

He recommended that a charter be granted to Wildey Encampment, No. 21.

The following Grand Officers were elected and installed:

O. G. Douglass, M. W. Grand Patriarch; Charles H. French, M. E. Grand High Priest; Joshua Davis, R. W. Grand Senior Warden; N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe; Chas. B. Nash, R. W. Grand Treasurer; Robert M. Stevens, R. W. Grand Junior Warden. William H. Smith was elected Grand Representative.

The special committee on that subject reported that they had procured nine Collars and Jewels for the elective and appointed officers at a cost of two hundred and ten dollars. Accepted.

On the acceptance of the report of the special committee on that subject, the State was divided into ten Districts, as follows:

District, No. 1.—Dirigo, No. 7, Kittery; Agamenticus, No. 15, South Berwick.

District, No. 2.—Hobah, No. 2, Saco ; York, No. 17, Biddeford.

District, No. 3.—Machigonne, No. 1, Portland ; Eastern Star, No. 2, Portland ; Portland, No. 19, Portland ; Cummings, No. 16, Saccarappa.

District, No. 4.—Mt. Pleasant, No. 14, Bridgton ; Wildey, No. 21, Norway.

District, No. 5.—Worombus, No. 13, Lewiston ; Pejepscot, No. 8, Auburn.

District, No. 6.—Sagadahock, No. 6, at Bath.

District, No. 7.—Colby, No. 18, Skowhegan.

District, No. 8.—Sandy River, No. 9, Farmington.

District, No. 9.—Katahdin, No. 4, Bangor ; Oldtown, No. 12, Oldtown.

District, No. 10.—El Dorado, No. 20, Dover.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That hereafter, no representative shall be admitted from an Encampment until the charter for the same has been granted and the Encampment duly constituted.

The Grand Patriarch made the following appointments, which were confirmed :

George A. Drew, Grand Marshal ; George S. Hall, Grand Sentinel ; Frederick Bucknam, Deputy Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Encampment adjourned to 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, which were confirmed by the Grand Encampment :

District, No. 1.—JACOB S. FORD.

" " 2.—R. M. STEVENS, (*ex-off.*)

" " 3.—CHARLES H. FRENCH, (*ex-off.*)

" " 4.—E. C. CHAMBERLAIN.

" " 5.—O. G. DOUGLASS, (*ex-off.*)

- District No. 6.—N. S. MORSE.
 “ “ 7.—H. A. LITTLE.
 “ “ 8.—E. I. MERRILL.
 “ “ 9.—WYATT WEED.
 “ “ 10.—R. D. GILMAN.

The committee on the State of the Order in their report, recommended that the first decision of the Grand Patriarch be not approved, in the opinion of the committee it was against law ; the committee recommended that the other decisions be approved.

Adopted.

O. B. Whitten, P. G. Rep., gave notice of an intention to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the action of the Grand Encampment in approving the second decision of the Grand Patriarch.

A charter was granted Wildey Encampment, No. 21.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE PATRIARCHAL BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

For the year ending, June 30, 1875 :

Number of Encampments, 18 ; initiations, 428 ; admitted by card, 7 ; withdrawn by card, 9 ; reinstated, 4 ; suspended, 21 ; expelled, 1 ; deaths, 15 ; members, 2,051.

For the fiscal and statistical year, ending December 31, 1874 :

Number of Patriarchs relieved, 98 ; buried, 10 ; weeks sickness for which benefits were paid, 832 ; amount paid for relief of Patriarchs, \$3,526.00 ; for burying the dead, \$60,00 ; current expenses, separate from benefits and charities, \$4,848.24 ; amount of receipts, \$11,846.41 ; invested funds, \$21,245.29.

REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Representatives in their report stated that the appeal of O. B. Whitten, P. G. Rep. was dismissed, and it was decided that the Grand Encampment of Maine, by sustaining the decision of the Grand Patriarch at its last session, made the law in this jurisdiction to be, that brothers must apply for membership to Encampments nearest their place of residence.

It was also decided that an Atheist is disqualified for election and admission to an Encampment.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

AUGUSTA, August 9, 1876.

Officers present—O. G. Douglass, Grand Patriarch ; Charles

H. French, Grand High Priest; Joshua Davis, Grand Senior Warden; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer; Wm. A. McIntire, Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*; George A. Drew, Grand Marshal; George S. Hall, Grand Sentinel; Frederick Bucknam, Deputy Grand Sentinel; Charles H. Rich, Grand Representative; William H. Smith, Grand Representative.

The G. E. Degree was conferred upon the following Past Chief Patriarchs.

Henry P. Cox, Isaac F. Clark, of Eastern Star, No. 2; James M. Taylor, of Sagadahock, No. 6; Daniel W. Marden, of Dirigo, No. 7; R. M. Mason, C. M. Lander, of Pejepscot, No. 8; J. J. Linscott, of Sandy River, No. 9; E. W. Conant, of Oldtown, No. 12; C. B. Heath, of Worombus, No. 13; A. K. Carseley, of Mt. Pleasant, No. 14; J. S. Ford, of Agamenticus, No. 15; S. H. Skillings, C. E. Hodgkins, of Cummings, No. 16; Wm. H. Hanson, Jr., of York, No. 17; O. A. Priest, F. B. Ward, of Colby, No. 18; A. S. Way, of Portland, No. 19; Thomas P. Elliot, of El Dorado, No. 20; Freeland Howe, of Wildey, No. 21.

The Grand Patriarch in his report, stated that four new Encampments had been instituted during the year, viz:

Jephthah, No. 3, at Augusta, Sept. 30th, 1875; Somerset, No. 22, at Fairfield, Nov. 19th, 1875; Aurora, No. 23, at South Paris, March 22d, 1876; Golden Gate, No. 24, at Berwick, May 29th, 1876. He recommended that charters be granted to the new Encampments.

He stated that no questions had arisen that called for decisions from him, other than questions that had been frequently decided, and on which the laws were well established. He recommended that a new district be formed, to consist of Wildey, No. 21, Norway, and Aurora, No. 23, South Paris. He had granted permission for Encampments to appear in uniform, although some are not strictly regulation.

He announced the death of Mark Prime, Past Grand Patriarch,

which occurred at Saco, March 15th, 1876. He spoke of him as "a true Odd Fellow, who believed in living up to the principles of the Order, which he did until his death."

The Grand Scribe, in his report, stated that he had received a duplicate charter for the Grand Encampment, in place of the one destroyed by fire.

The Finance committee in their report, recommended that the Grand Scribe be authorized to procure a suitable frame for the charter of this Grand Encampment. Adopted.

Officers were elected and installed as follows :

Joshua Davis, Grand Patriarch ; Charles H. French, Grand High Priest ; George S. Hall, Grand Senior Warden ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Enos C. Chamberlain, Grand Junior Warden ; Warren E. Pressey, was elected Grand Representative.

Charters were granted to Jephthah Encampment, No. 3 ; Somerset, No. 22 ; Aurora, No. 23 ; and Golden Gate, No. 24.

A petition was received, signed by officers and members of Colby Encampment, No. 18, asking to have the name changed to Parmenas Encampment, No. 18. The petition was referred to the committee on Petitions, on whose report, the change was ordered to be made.

The committee on the State of the Order, in their report, recommended that permission to appear in public in street uniform be given only to such Encampments as comply strictly with the regulations as adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Adopted.

The Grand Patriarch announced the following appointments, which were confirmed :

Albert F. Berry, Grand Marshal ; Freeman T. Merrill, Grand Sentinel ; James R. Foss, Deputy Grand Sentinel.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

District, No. 1, Jacob S. Ford ; No. 2, Charles P. Rhodes ; No.

3, Joshua Davis, (*ex-off.*;) No. 4, E. C. Chamberlain, (*ex-off.*;) No. 5, George A. Drew; No. 6, N. S. Morse; No. 7, H. A. Little; No. 8, E. G. Merrill; No. 9, George S. Hall, (*ex-off.*;) No. 10, R. D. Gilman.

The matter of forming a new District, to be composed of Wildey, No. 21, and Aurora, No. 23, was left with the Grand Patriarch.

W. H. Smith, P. G. P., of No. 2, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Encampments in this State have exclusive jurisdiction in the cities and towns where the same are located. In cities and towns where there are no Encampments, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

J. N. Read, P. G. P. of No. 2, moved that N. G. Cummings, P. G. P., of No. 1, be appointed State Annalist.

The motion was adopted.

The Grand Encampment adjourned.

CONDITION OF THE ENCAMPMENT BRANCH OF THE ORDER.

For the year ending June 30, 1876:

Number of Encampments, 22; initiations, 407; admitted by card, 42; reinstated, 2; rejected, 10; withdrawn by card, 30; suspended, 19; expelled, 5; deaths, 15; number of members, 2,430.

For the fiscal and statistical year, ending December 31, 1875:

Number of Patriarchs relieved, 122; buried, 16; weeks sickness for which benefits were paid, 1094; amount paid for relief of Patriarchs, \$4,259.00; burying the dead, \$265.00; current expenses, separate from benefits and charities, \$3,643.00; amount of receipts, \$13,852.15; invested funds, \$26,932.90.

LIST OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS
OF THE
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MAINE
SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1845.

1845.

Theophilus C. Hersey, Grand Patriarch ; James Pratt, Grand High Priest ;
Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward Wheeler, Jr., Grand Treasurer.

1846.

Allen Haines, Grand Patriarch ; Edward Fenno, Grand High Priest ; Nath'l
F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; William R.
Smith, Grand Representative.

1847.

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Patriarch ; Elisha Clarke, Grand High Priest ;
Nathaniel F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; F.
P. Theobald, Grand Representative.

1848.

Edward P. Banks, Grand Patriarch ; Oliver S. Beale, Grand High Priest ;
Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Benj. C. Fernald, Grand Treasurer ; F. P.
Theobald, Grand Representative.

1849.

Oliver S. Beale, Grand Patriarch ; John H. Williams, Grand High Priest ;
Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Scribe ; Franklin C. Moody, Grand Treasurer ; F. P.
Theobald, Grand Representative.

1850.

Nathan Emerson, Grand Patriarch ; —————, Grand High Priest ;

Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Franklin C. Moody, Grand Treasurer ; John H. Williams, Grand Representative.

1851.

John H. Williams, Grand Patriarch ; Michael Gilligan, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer ; John H. Williams, Grand Representative.

1852.

Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Patriarch ; Joseph P. Adams, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Cyrus Cummings, Grand Treasurer ; Joseph Burton, Grand Representative.

1853.

Cyrus Cummings, Grand Patriarch ; Russell Lamson, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Micah Sampson, Grand Treasurer ; Joseph Burton, Grand Representative.

1854.

Seth E. Benson, Grand Patriarch ; George W. Nichols, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Micah Sampson, Grand Treasurer ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Representative.

1855.

S. B. Straw, Grand Patriarch ; S. J. Lord, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Nath'l F. Deering, Grand Representative.

1856.

J. P. Adams, Grand Patriarch ; Benj. C. Fernald, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; J. P. Adams, Grand Representative.

1857.


Edward P. Burnham, Grand Patriarch ; Nath'l I. Mitchell, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Otis Kaler, Grand Representative.

1858.

Edward P. Banks, Grand Patriarch ; Daniel L. Mitchell, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Daniel L. Choate, Grand Representative.

1859.

Mark Prime, Grand Patriarch ; Wm. E. Kimball, Grand High Priest ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Scribe ; Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Grand Treasurer ; Daniel L. Choate, Grand Representative.



1860.

Edward P. Gerrish, Grand Patriarch ; Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Charles Nutter, Grand Representative.

1861.

Wm. C. Beckett, Grand Patriarch ; Rufus Stanley, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Charles Nutter, Grand Representative.

1862.

Wm. C. Beckett, Grand Patriarch ; Rufus Stanley, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Ira C. Doe, Grand Representative.

1863.

Rufus Stanley, Grand Patriarch ; N. G. Cummings, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Ira C. Doe, Grand Representative.

1864.

N. G. Cummings, Grand Patriarch ; B. C. Fernald, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Ira C. Doe, Grand Representative.

1865.

Cyrus K. Ladd, Grand Patriarch ; James N. Read, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Ira C. Doe, Grand Representative.

1866.

James N. Read, Grand Patriarch ; N. H. Colton, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Representative.

1867.

James N. Read, Grand Patriarch ; N. H. Colton, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Treasurer ; William C. Beckett, Grand Representative.

1868.

James E. Haseltine, Grand Patriarch ; A. N. Yeaton, Grand High Priest ; Edward P. Banks, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Representative.

1869.

J. W. Sargent, Grand Patriarch ; A. C. Pray, Grand High Priest ; N. G. Cum-

mings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Representative.

1870.

Wm. H. Smith, Grand Patriarch ; John B. Nealley, Grand High Priest ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Orin B. Whitten, Grand Representative.

1871.

Phineas Batchelder, Grand Patriarch ; Jerome Garland, Grand High Priest ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Orin B. Whitten, Grand Representative.

1872.

Charles H. Rich, Grand Patriarch ; Warren E. Pressey, Grand High Priest ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Orin B. Whitten, Grand Representative.

1873.

Warren E. Pressey, Grand Patriarch ; J. H. Knox, Grand High Priest ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Charles H. Rich and James N. Read, Grand Representatives.

1874.

Augustine D. Smith, Grand Patriarch ; Nath'l S. Morse, Grand High Priest ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; James N. Read, and Charles H. Rich, Grand Representatives.

1875.

O. G. Douglass, Grand Patriarch ; Charles H. French, Grand High Priest ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; Charles H. Rich and William H. Smith, Grand Representatives.

1876.

Joshua Davis, Grand Patriarch ; Charles H. French, Grand High Priest ; N. G. Cummings, Grand Scribe ; Charles B. Nash, Grand Treasurer ; William H. Smith and Warren E. Pressey, Grand Representatives.

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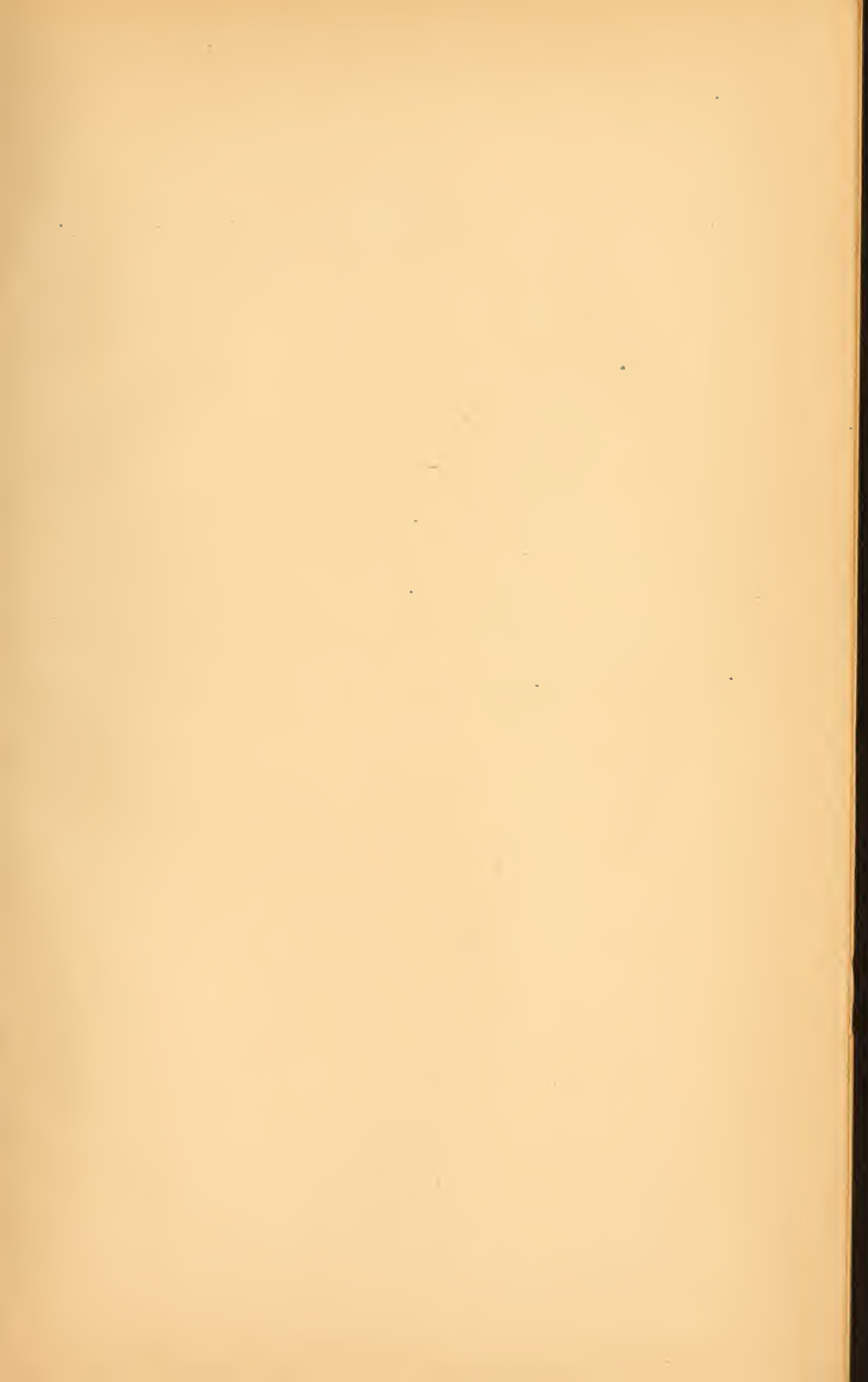
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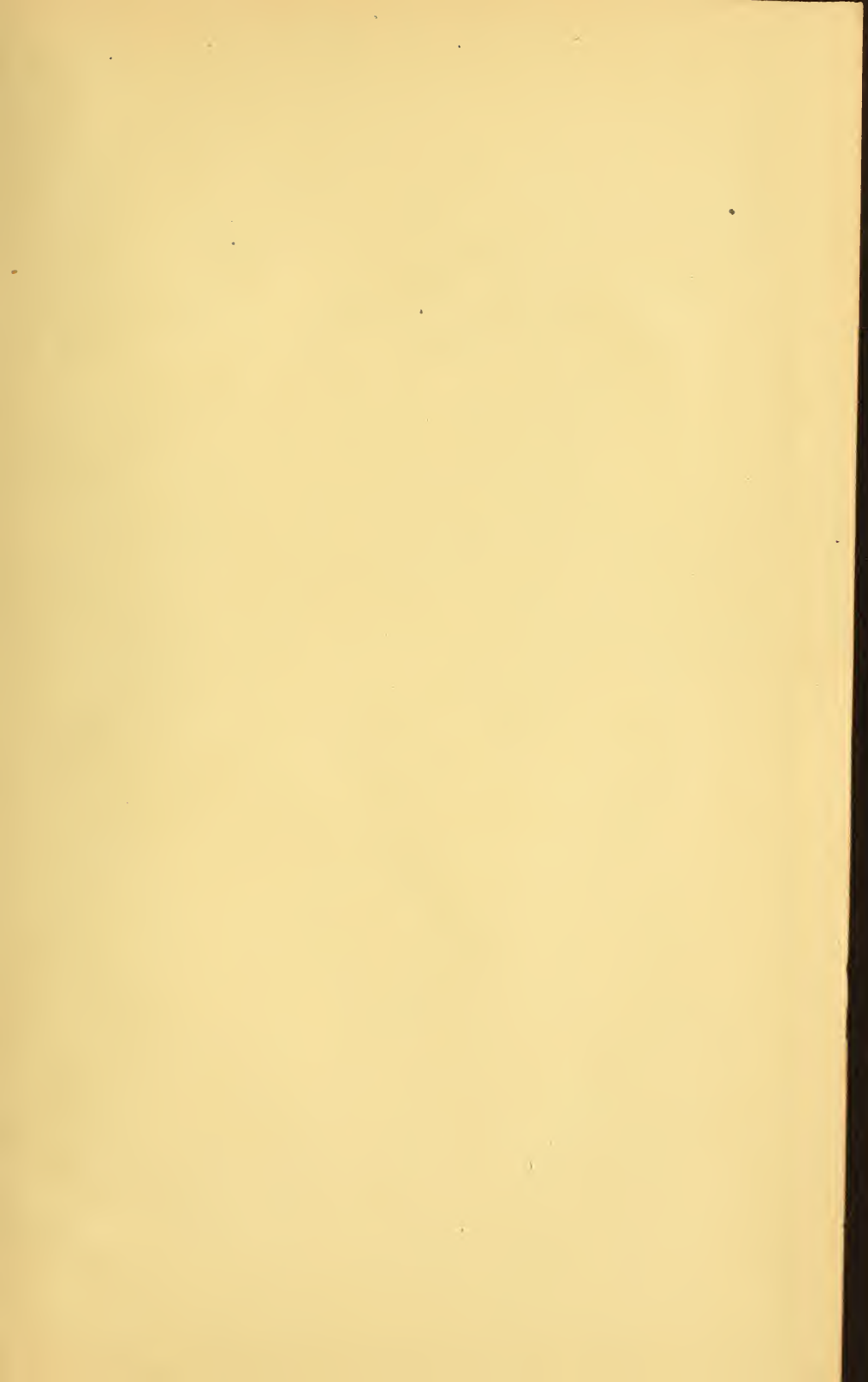
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